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Good Samaritan tells of vicious attack as he went to help a woman being assaulted in town centre

'My life is on hold'

By Samantha McGregor

"IT'S every parents' nightmare, a knock on the door at 4.30am asking does he live here and then informing us he has a head injury and we need to be taken to the hospital very quickly".

Those are the words of Kate Hayle whose son Sam Ganatra was brutally attacked after going to help a young woman who was being "man-handled" by her boyfriend.

Warehouse assistant Sam had been on his way home from Bicester town centre on June 11 when police believe he may have played the good Samaritan to help the woman.

But he was left collapsed and unconscious in the Causeway with severe life-changing head injuries and found by passers-by who raised the alarm.

Sam, 27, cannot remember the attack, which took place near the Church of the Immaculate Conception, but police have been able to piece together his movements using CCTV footage.

His family have spoken out about their "horrific" ordeal to urge vital witnesses to come forward.

Sam suffered a fracture at the base of his skull, broken eye socket, nose and cheek bones, a deflated lung and bleeding into the brain.

A fracture on the front of his skull could not be repaired and he has had surgery to replace it with metal plates. He has lost his sense of smell as a result of the attack.

Sam will be under the care of the neurological team for the next 10 years.

Kate said: "It has been my worst experience. He has been going out since he was 18, he's never had any issues. He's a quiet lad and never been in trouble with the police.

"When we were eventually allowed to see him he was hooked up to a breathing machine, there were tubes and wires everywhere and blood was bubbling out of his eyes.

"He was hit so hard it ripped the brain lining."

Sam has had his driving licence revoked, cannot be left alone and has been signed off work.

Sam said: "It has put my life on hold. I can't do anything – basically I can't even walk to the shop as I'm not allowed to leave the house alone."

Kate said the family was urging anyone with information about the attack, to contact police.

She said: "We understand they may be frightened, but they need to do the right thing. I can't believe anyone would not help the police in putting this man behind bars."

A 32-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of GBH and released on bail.

Call police via 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Furious MP vows to keep on fighting Horton plans

MP Victoria Prentis has urged her constituents 'not to give up hope' after the future of services at the Horton was confirmed last week.

Recommendations for a permanent midwife-led maternity unit have been given the go ahead by Oxfordshire's Clinical Commissioning Group.

Results from a public consultation had shown the proposal "universally" rejected by residents, campaigners and politicians.

North Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis said she was "furious" about the decision.

She said: "The board's decision to approve proposals in the Transformation Programme consultation comes as no surprise. I am furious. Public consultation has been meaningless."

Mrs Prentis added: "I urge my constituents not to give up hope. I remain absolutely committed in the fight to retain acute services at the Horton General Hospital."

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The OCCG recommendations

Critical Care

A single Level 3 Critical Care Unit (CCU), aka intensive care, for the sickest patients in Oxfordshire (and some neighbouring areas) at the Oxford University Hospital (OUH) Oxford sites. The CCU at Horton General Hospital in Banbury will become a Level 2 centre for less seriously ill patients – eg, who have single organ failure, need closer observation after being in intensive care and for post-operative care. The Horton CCU will work closely with the main centre in Oxford.

Acute stoke services

All Oxfordshire patients (and those from some neighbouring areas) who are suspected of having suffered a stroke will go directly to the Hyper Acute Stroke Unit (HASU) at the John Radcliffe for the best available treatments, such as surgical removal of clots and clot busting drugs. Patients across Oxfordshire will be supported by the roll-out of countywide early supported discharge to improve outcomes and rehabilitation, either at home or in other community settings.

Changes to acute bed numbers

The closure of some acute beds across the OUH sites (including the Horton) is now permanent. Beds were temporarily closed in November 2015 as part of the 'rebalancing the system' project to tackle the issue of patients stranded in hospital when they no longer need to be there (delayed transfers of care). This allowed funding to be invested in other services to support frail and vulnerable people in their homes or care homes.

The implementation of these closures will now be staged:

■ 110 beds are already closed and will remain closed so investment in alternative services can be made permanent.

■ An additional 36 beds will only be permanently closed when the system has made significant progress in reducing the numbers of delayed transfers of care. Any further planned closures will need to be reviewed by Thames Valley Clinical Senate and assured by NHS England.

Planned care services at the Horton General Hospital

The development of 21st century diagnostic and outpatient departments at the Horton; an advanced pre-operative assessment unit; and improvements to the planned operations service at the Horton. These changes will allow more patients to be treated closer to where they live in north Oxfordshire, south Northamptonshire and south Warwickshire. They will allow up to 90,000 more outpatients appointments, diagnostic tests and operations to be provided at the Horton.

Maternity services

Approval was given for a single specialist obstetric unit for Oxfordshire (and its neighbouring areas) at the John Radcliffe and a permanent Midwife Led Unit (MLU) at the Horton.

■ Public engagement on proposals for phase two will begin in October, with a view for the consultation to take place in late spring 2018.

Changes to the future

Campaigners made their feelings known before the meeting

NHS plan

By Eva Astreinidou

CHANGES to critical care, acute bed numbers and maternity services were all controversially approved last week.

Health officials voted in favour of 'future-proof' proposals affecting the county's health services while campaigners fighting to protect them sat in the audience.

The Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) met last Thursday to decide whether or not to back proposals for emergency and care services in the county.

The board voted in favour of five recommendations made in a meeting by the Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) earlier that week, which included downgrading consultant-led maternity services at Banbury's Horton Hospital.

The board also agreed to the permanent closure of 110 beds and that a further 36 will go ahead when progress has been made in the reducing the number of patients delayed in hospital who need not be there.

Critical care patients, often called intensive care, will now all be treated at the John Radcliffe and those less seriously ill will be treated at Banbury.

They cited a staffing shortage at the Horton, as well as the ability to have more focused expertise at the John Radcliffe, would mean better quality of care.

At Thursday's meeting, the board stressed that the proposals were not a 'cost-cutting exercise'.

They added that the proposals were a chance to adapt to the changing face of health services nationally, with a focus on shorter hospital stays and more community-led rehabilitation.

Acute stroke patients will be treated at a unit at the John Radcliffe and acute beds temporarily closed in November 2015 will remain so with a further 36 beds being closed at a later date.

Dr David Chapman, the Oxford city locality clinical director, said: "It seems counter-intuitive that frail patients are not in hospital but it isn't always the best place for them to be. There are better places for rehabilitation to take place."

The decisions were met with disappointment by campaign groups, many of whom had members in the audience.

Keith Strangwood, from the Keep the Horton General group, said the plans are too short-term and do not take into account the 27 per cent population growth predicted for Oxfordshire by 2031.

Charlotte Beard, press secretary of the group, said: "We came here with no hopes. They seem hellbent on getting their own way."

Dr Joe McManners, clinical chair of OCCG, said: "The changes we have approved today are about making services safe and ensuring people across the county and beyond get the best available treatments, and access to services as quickly as possible.

"These were difficult decisions to make and we understand the strength of feeling among local people, especially those who live in the north of the county. But we believe these decisions will ensure safe and sustainable patient care for now and the future. We thank everyone in Oxfordshire and beyond who took part in

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'Committed to fighting plan' defended

By Samantha McGregor

POLITICIANS and campaigners have reacted with fury after plans to permanently downgrade maternity services in Banbury were nodded through.

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's board followed recommendations for a permanent midlife-led maternity unit at Horton Hospital.

Results from a public consultation had shown the proposal "universally" rejected by residents, campaigners and politicians.

North Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis said she was "furious" about the decision.

She said: "The board's decision to approve proposals in the Transformation Programme consultation comes as no surprise. I am furious. Public consultation has been meaningless.

"No discussion was had about the impact on the families of patients and there was no consideration of future arrangements for the hardworking Horton staff, and those whose job is now in Oxford, who have had to adapt to changes made in the last year.

"My requests to pause the decision-making process until we have a clearer vision of health services and more evidence to understand the proposals have been ignored over and over again."

The Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will refer the decision about maternity services to the Secretary of State for Health.

Mrs Prentis added: "I urge my constituents not to give up hope. I remain absolutely committed in the fight to retain acute services at the Horton General Hospital."

Labour group leader Sean Woodcock said: "The decision to downgrade services is the wrong one. The issues around traffic, parking and capacity at the JR have not been fixed. In fact, if anything the evidence for them grows more stark.

"Banbury and the wider area has been let down by this decision. Now is the time for our Member of Parliament to use all of her influence and power to get this decision overturned."

The leader of Banbury Town Council Kieron Mallon accused the board of "paying lip service to their own consultation".

He said: "They have repeatedly dismissed the 10,000 people who took part. Local people and organisations have a complete lack of trust in those decision makers today."

Campaign group Keep the Horton General said it was "heavy hearted".

A spokesman said: "We knew how the decision was going to go. The OCCG and OUHFT have been hell bent on this since 2008 when the decision went against them first time around. It has been micro managed to ensure they got their own way."

Cherwell District Council has launched a legal challenge over the consultation process.

The challenge has been led by Cherwell, in conjunction with South Northamptonshire Council, Stratford-on-Avon District Council, Banbury Town Council, and Keep the Horton General campaign group, who say the process is "confusing and flawed".

the consultation, sharing their views and opinions with us. We also appreciate the participation of campaign groups who work hard on behalf of their local communities.

"We will now work with our health and social care partners to ensure the recommendations we have approved are carried out in the best interests of patients. The Board also agreed to maintain oversight of the implementation of these changes."

Healthwatch Oxfordshire, a health watchdog, also recommended that the plan should not go ahead in its entirety without further consideration of capacity issues and concerns of travel times.

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Commuters face paying £5,000+ to get to London

By George Welch

Rail fares are set to rise by 3.6 per cent from January

THE country's rail network needs to be 'radically changed' following the highest increase in rail fares in five years, according to an Oxfordshire MP.

Anneliese Dodds fears passengers will be paying 'more for less' after it was announced on Tuesday millions of rail users across the UK would be hit by a 3.6 per cent increase in regulated rail fares from January 2018.

The rise could mean an annual season ticket from either Oxford or Didcot into London going from £4,920 to £5,097.

The Labour MP for Oxford East said: "Rail fares have gone up twice as fast as wages since 2010, so it's no wonder many commuters and other travellers in Oxford are fed up with rail price rises.

"Passengers will be paying even more for less after this price rise.

"Ultimately we need to see radical changes in rail services, including taking rail out of competitive private ownership which has pushed up prices without improving services."

Oxford West and Abingdon MP Layla Moran added that Oxfordshire commuters are enduring a "double whammy of rapidly rising fares and broken promises on investment".

Train operators are allowed to raise fares by as much as the Retail Prices Index (RPI) figure for July, which this year represents the biggest annual increase since 2012. The changes are expected to impact around 40 per cent of fares.

Witney MP Robert Courts said that he "completely understands residents' frustration at fare increases" but added that "an increase in price is intended to see an improvement in service".

But Oxford City councillor Ruthi Brandt said the country's fares are already the highest in Europe and the latest hike "just adds further insult to injury".

The Green councillor said: "Increasing rail fares is bad for commuters, bad for the environment and will merely lead to more congestion and air pollution on our roads.

"This will be felt keenly in Oxfordshire, where many people commute both to London and into Oxford, which is already congested and suffers from high levels of air pollution."

The rail industry has defended the increase.

Paul Plummer, chief executive of the Rail Delivery Group, which represents train companies and Network Rail, said: "Money from fares pays to run and improve the railway, making journeys better, boosting the economy, creating skilled jobs and supporting communities across Britain."

Unregulated fares, which include super off-peak travel and advance tickets, will be set in December.

Cultivate grocer Hannah Marsh in The VegVan

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REGULARS at an Oxford pub will soon have the opportunity to buy their veg while enjoying a pint.

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The manager at The Jolly Postboys Drew Brammer says the pub is all about being part of the community.

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Approval is given to Beckhams' new pad

By Eva Astreinidou

NEW plans for David and Victoria Beckham's multi-million pound luxury house in Oxfordshire have been approved.

The celebrity couple bought the grand barn conversion in Great Tew, near Chipping Norton, for £6.15million last December.

Planning permission was granted by West Oxfordshire District Council in 2015, but the latest in a string of changes was approved on Monday.

Since the millionaire couple bought the derelict Upper Park Farm, seven applications have been submitted and had to be approved by the district council.

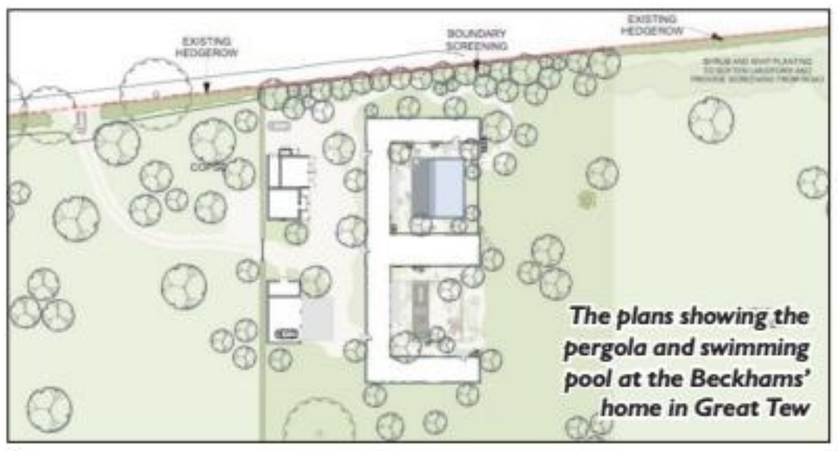
The latest application will allow for a new highway access and residential driveway, the erection of an outbuilding, as well as a 'natural swimming pond' and garden pergola.

The updated garden plans would include a 12.5m x 7.5m pool built in one courtyard of the E-shaped house, plus a timber pergola covered seating area in the other.

Before that, a resubmitted application was approved on August 11, to allow for thatched outbuilding roofs.

Responding to reports of delays, Phil Shaw, planning manager at WODC, said: "The original application for the conversion was approved in 2015. But, as the current owner wanted to make changes, further applications were made in 2017 and these were all dealt with within the required time period and without any delays."

David Beckham



The plans showing the pergola and swimming pool at the Beckhams' home in Great Tew

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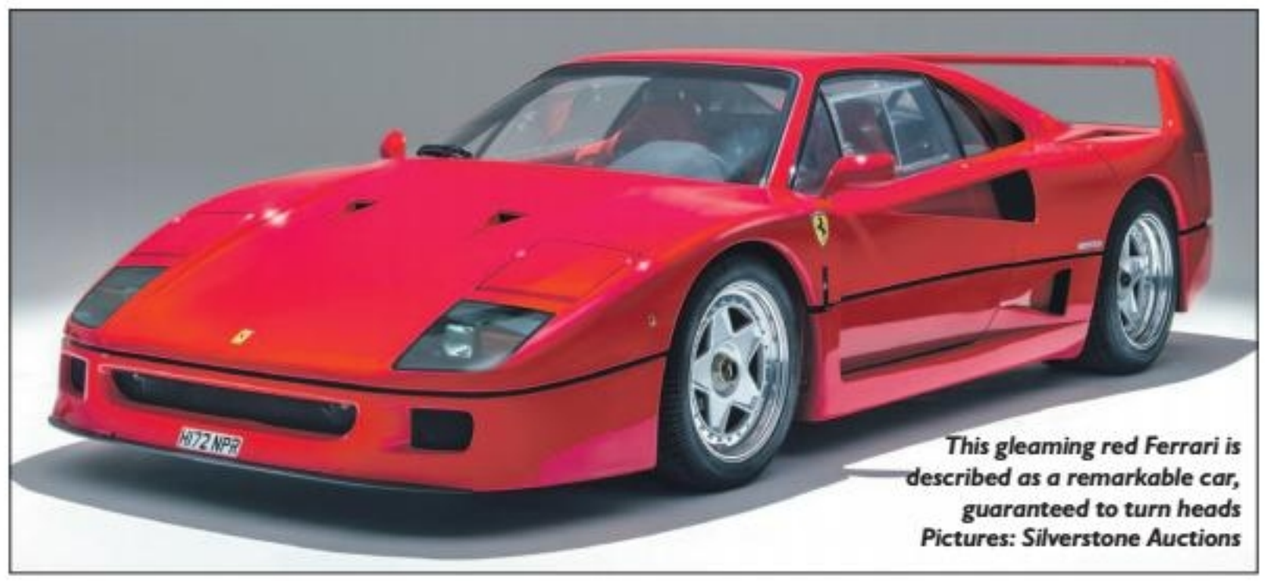
This is to ensure the building 'reflects the established character of the locality' and that loose materials do not 'encroach' on road safety.


This gleaming red Ferrari is described as a remarkable car, guaranteed to turn heads
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A GLAMOUROUS Ferrari F40 is expected to go under the hammer for nearly £1million at a special auction at Blenheim Palace next month.

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The supercar is expected to fetch between £875,000 to £975,000 at the auction celebrating the 30th anniversary of the F40 and 70 years of Ferrari.

The gleaming red Ferrari is described as a 'remarkable car' by Silverstone Auctions operations manager Harry Whale.

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The F40 to go under the hammer next month underwent a €300,000 restoration by Ferrari repair specialist Carrozzeria Zanasi last year, after which Classiche certification was granted by the Ferrari factory.

The car is equipped with a DOHC V8 engine with twin turbo chargers and is capable of a 0-60 time of just 3.8 seconds.

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Former uni employee to be questioned over murder

By Eva Astreinidou

A FORMER Oxford University employee will be returned to Chicago for questioning on suspicion of murdering a hair stylist.

Andrew Warren, 56, will return alongside US professor Wyndham Lathem.

The two men, who surrendered themselves after a week as fugitives, are accused of killing 26-year-old Trenton Cornell-Duranleau in Mr Lathem's Chicago apartment on July 27.

Appearing in court in San Francisco on Friday, Mr Warren declined to fight extradition.

Chicago Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said the victim had been experiencing tensions with Mr Lathem.

According to reports by the Press Association, he said: "We have a lot of questions for Mr Lathem and Mr Warren and we look forward to their return to Chicago.

"We have information to suggest there was tension in the relationship between Mr Lathem and the victim."

The Briton was denied bail and will be held in custody.

His lawyer, Ariel Boyce-Smith, said: "I just want to remind everyone that he is presumed innocent and his agreement to go there to start the process is where we are now."

Mr Warren and Mr Lathem turned themselves in separately in California on August 4.

Mr Warren has since been suspended from his job as senior treasury assistant at Somerville College.

Mr Lathem, now an ex-professor at Northwestern University, plans to plead not guilty, according to his lawyer.

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Fine crop of bands at festival

Pictures: Tim Hayes, courtesy of Fairport Convention

AROUND 20,000 music lovers enjoyed a festival of rock, pop and acoustic tunes in the Oxfordshire countryside last weekend.

The sold-out Cropredy Convention Festival showcased diverse performances in fine weather in the village near Banbury.

Speaking of the annual event's success, festival director Gareth Williams said: "We had a really great three days. The music was terrific and our crowd loved the variety of the line-up.

"Luckily the rain held off for the festival and the ground had dried out by the time we opened.

"Everybody was in great spirits, everything ran smoothly and there were no incidents to report. We heard a lot of great comments from people telling us how much they were enjoying themselves."

The three-day event culminated in a special performance by Fairport Convention, a folk rock band who took the stage for their 50th year. They played their first concert in a church hall in May 1967.

Their Cropredy finale featured the current five-piece line-up, six former band members and four other guests from Fairport's musical family.

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Dad and daughter's Greek odyssey for worthy cause

By Eva Astreinidou

A FATHER and daughter have been enjoying a summer holiday with a difference.

Chris Hurdman and 13-year-old daughter Evie have endured a long climb up Greece's Mount Olympus in dry heat for charity.

The pair from Oxford climbed more than 80km from Paphos Harbour to the peak of Mount Olympus over four days completing the arduous challenge on Sunday.

They have raised more than £1,040 in the process.

Speaking about how they managed to stay motivated throughout the six or seven-hour daily walks, Chris said: "So many people were sponsoring us and wishing us good luck.

"And although it was such a tough challenge, it is all for such a great cause."

The duo took on the challenge to raise funds for Evie's chosen charity, Helen & Douglas House, which cares for terminally ill children, young adults and their families.

Chris, who works as a market trader in Thame, said Evie learned about the charity from a young age when she would visit his stall based right outside the charity branch store.

Evie stops to admire the view and, right, Chris and Evie Hurdman celebrate journey's end

Chris added: "If you can climb a mountain, you can do anything. And that is an important lesson for everyone."

Upon completing their second day, Chris posted on Facebook: "There were tears and they might not have been Evie's.

"The views were stunning, completely different from yesterday, you could see for miles. That could be a problem when you couldn't see your next stop just peaks followed by more peaks.

"We saw goats and birds we have never seen before, smelt wild fennel and lavender and eaten grapes and figs from the roadside."

On the first day, he posted: "I have to admit, I think I've bitten off more than I can chew. Evie however is sucking it all up cheerily singing follow the red brick road which went on and on for about 5km."

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Doctor admits she missed warnings

A DOCTOR accused of misconduct told a tribunal she missed warning signs before an epileptic teenager in her care suffered a seizure and drowned in a bath.

Valerie Murphy was the psychiatrist responsible for the care of 18-year-old Connor Sparrowhawk, who had learning difficulties and was found submerged in water at Slade House, in Headington, Oxford.

Dr Murphy could be struck off if the hearing in Manchester, which is due end tomorrow, decides her fitness to practise is impaired.

Throughout the tribunal hearing, she has admitted 30 separate failings over Mr Sparrowhawk's care.

These include failure to acknowledge the risks of having seizures, to carry out a risk assessment, to obtain consent for treatment, to keep proper medical notes, to implement a care plan, to obtain his history of symptoms or to follow guidelines on epilepsy treatment.

Connor had already had two suspected epileptic fits at the unit, including an earlier episode in the bath, in the weeks before his death on July 4, 2013, the medical practitioners tribunal service heard.

He was previously found

Connor Sparrowhawk

with signs of a possible seizure on May 2013, as he appeared to have bitten his tongue and was lethargic. Two weeks later, he was found with a bloody nose, thought to have been caused by another fit.

Dr Murphy has admitted a series of failings but denies misconduct.

She said she was aware of the risks of someone with epilepsy taking baths and said there were observations by staff every 15 minutes.

Connor's mother Sara Ryan, an Oxford University academic, said she assumed her son would be receiving close monitoring, when she gave evidence last week.

The unit in Headington, now closed, was run by Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, which accepted full responsibility. An inquest in 2015 found neglect at Slade House contributed to Connor's death, which was deemed 'preventable'.

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Match kick starts charity link

By George Welch

The Oxford City Nomads and Adderbury Park players line up

A CHARITY football match has raised more than £1,000 for poorly Oxfordshire children in need of care.

Oxford City Nomads beat Adderbury Park FC 9-1 at Oxford City's Court Place Farm on August 4 to be crowned champions of the newly reinstated Oxfordshire FA Benevolent Cup.

The pre-season County Cup helped raise much-needed funds for the Oxford Children's Hospital and kicked-off Oxfordshire FA's official partnership with the charity for the 2017/18 season.

With the charity being announced as the county FA's first ever charity of the year, marketing and communications officers Steph Clark said: "To be able to start the partnership so successfully has been wonderful and we hope throughout the season to be able to raise more much-needed funds for the hospital.

"A big thank you to everyone involved in this event and to those who turned out on the night to support the teams and this fantastic local charity."

Money raised from the charity match and throughout the season will go towards the Oxford Children's Hospital's Ronald McDonald House campaign. The new accommodation, based at the children's hospital, will be a 'home from home' for parents and families while their ill children receive treatment.

Ronald McDonald House currently only has 17 bedrooms and demand always far exceeds the amount of families they can help.

Planning permission was secured for a new purpose-built, three-storey, 62-bedroomed house in 2016, which, once opened, will be situated on the John Radcliffe site near the women's centre.

The cost is likely to be in the region of £11million but building will not begin until the money has been raised.

The charity is currently running a 10th birthday campaign to raise £2m this year – £1m of which will be for equipment for the hospital and £1m towards the new house – but the charity is currently unable to say when it will open.

Charity spokesperson Joseph Baker thanked the Oxfordshire FA for kick-starting the season in such "spectacular style".

He said: "Both teams played a fantastic game of football and the support from the local community was amazing to see.

"We look forward to working alongside the FA to help us reach the magical £2m milestone which will allow us to support the build of a new Ronald McDonald House, provide special medical equipment and make the hospital as comfortable as it can be for our young patients and their families."

Donations can still be made at justgiving.com/fundraising/oxfordshirefa

From left, Joseph Baker from Oxford Children's Hospital, captain Luke Jones of Adderbury Park FC, Josh Gibbens captain of Oxford City Nomads and Alan Spence, Oxfordshire FA director

Cyclist to turn miles into money

AN Oxford man will be clocking up the miles when he sets off for Paris on his bike to raise awareness for mental health problems affecting all communities.

Shahzad Yousaf, *pictured*, will be cycling 180 miles from London to Paris to fundraise for Oxfordshire Mind on August bank holiday weekend. He has so far raised £340 for the three-day event, run by the volunteering group Muslim Community Events.

Shahzad, known as Shaz, will start his route with a 65-mile ride from London to Newhaven, followed by a 95 mile ride from Dieppe to Cergy and finishing with the 22 miles from Cergy to Paris.

His aim is to raise awareness of the charity and help Muslim men know that the services are 'open to them too'.

Shaz said: "The reason I wanted to fundraise for Oxfordshire Mind is to create awareness that some kind of mental illness effects us all regardless of our cultural background, not just women but men too."

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Town renews Fairtrade status

BANBURY will continue to help farmers in poorer countries after the town's Fairtrade status was renewed.

A British Fairtrade Foundation certificate has been presented to mayor, Cllr Colin Clarke.

Banbury first achieved Fairtrade status in 2006 after a year-long campaign that persuaded local people to help Third World producers.

The award has been renewed every two years since. Enid Frost, acting secretary of Fairtrade Action Banbury, FAB, said: "More than 1.65 million farmers and workers in more than 74 countries are helped by Fairtrade.

"In Banbury we are proud to be part of that massive organisation and we are thrilled that our status has been renewed once again."

FAB chairman, the Rev Chris Eddy, added: "This certificate shows that Banbury cares about farmers and workers in developing countries."

Cllr Clarke said: "I am a great supporter of Fairtrade and it is good news that Banbury has retained its Fairtrade status. Members of FAB work hard to promote the cause and I'm delighted that their efforts have been rewarded."

Chrysi Dimaki, the Fairtrade foundation's communities campaigns officer, said the renewal was well deserved. She said: "It is clear that a lot of time and energy has been put in to make fairtrade part of the Banbury community.

"It is great to see that FAB has engaged with primary schools and the strategies outlined for the future should attract more and more young members."

Enid Frost, Cllr Colin Clarke, the Rev Chris Eddy and the Fairtrade certificate

Banbury Canal Day is back on

By Sam McGregor

THE traditional Canal Day in Banbury will now take place after the start of major building work on the Castle Quay Two expansion was delayed.

Organisers Banbury Town Council are working to contact boaters, charities, clubs, businesses and others who usually get involved with this major event to tell them it is going ahead on October 1 as usual.

Banbury Town Council, which organises the event, said already the response had been positive and visitors are guaranteed a variety of stalls including food vendors, music courtesy of Banbury Folk Festival, funfair, and plenty of water-based action.

Mayor Colin Clarke said: "Canal Day is a massive event with around 12,000 visitors – some travelling long distances to get here. It is good news that we can have the event this year when all seemed lost.

"I want to thank Castle Quay for telling us of the change of plan as soon as they were aware of it. Many boaters – especially traders – plan their year with Banbury Canal Day in mind and we hope they are still available."

Entertainment in Spiceball Park will include falconry, go-karts, and traders and workshops outside The Mill.

Canal Day 2017 was cancelled earlier this year because demolition and construction work – part of the Castle Quay Two expansion – on the canalside north of General Foods Social Club was to have started in August.

But the work will not now begin until after the traditional Canal Day date – this year October 1.

Paul Jackson, Castle Quay's centre manager, said: "The start date for CQ2 was put back and we realised straight away that Canal Day could go ahead as usual. It is an event that attracts many thousands of people and is good for the town.

"We hope the day is a massive success and we are delighted to sponsor the event once again."

The council's events manager Ann Sewell said: "We have two months to organise something that normally takes nine months – but rest assured this year will be an exciting and entertaining event with something for everyone."

Work is also underway to organise Banbury's old town street party.

The Old Town summer fiesta and street organ festival will take place on September 2 between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

News Bites

Highlight for club

THAME: A children's holiday club, the Lighthouse Thame and Villages, has celebrated its 10th year anniversary.

The week-long holiday club, for children aged four to 11, saw about 1,000 children take part in a host of activities including craft, sports and creative workshops.

Its most popular event is the Big Top sessions, which include dancing, a daily 'gunging' of one of the helpers and lots of messy games.

Each year organisers raise £50,000 to stage the event which is free for children to attend.

Market birthday

THAME: The town's Farmers' Market has celebrated its 18th birthday with balloons, cake and drink.

Thame mayor Cllr Tom Wyse cut the cake, which was topped with miniature decorations of some of the produce you can find at the farmers' market including fruit, vegetables, meat and cheese.

Visitors to the market were treated to a slice of cake to mark the special day.

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Mighty axemen take a bough

By Eva Astreinidou

THE calm picturesque surroundings of BBC Countryfile Live served as the perfect backdrop to an action-packed competition featuring lumberjacks and chainsaws.

Now in its fifth year, the Stihl Timbersports British Championship featured 16 top lumberjack athletes from all over Great Britain.

The brave men competed in a head-to-head race against time across six disciplines at the show at Blenheim Palace.

Elgan Pugh, from Wales, was crowned champion as he raced through the different stages – stock saw, underhand chop, single buck, standing block chop, springboard and hot saw.

The event saw all the athletes put on a great display of power, technique and precision, with Elgan claiming the top spot by only four points, beating off stiff competition from his fellow Welshman in Simon Bond, who placed second, and Glen Penlington, who finished third.

Witney man Darryn Reilly, 44, did Oxfordshire proud.

Winning line up, from left, Simon Bond, Elgan Pugh and Glen Penlington on the podium. Left, overall winner Elgan Pugh goes through his paces in the hot saw section and top, Jonathan Lewis gives it his all in the standing block challenge

Help for the homeless wins gold

OXFORD City Council has become the first Oxfordshire council, and one of only 11 local authorities in England, to receive a top award for its efforts in preventing and tackling homelessness in the city.

The council was awarded the National Practitioner Support Service gold standard award.

Authority bosses were congratulated for their help for the homelessness, in a programme that was based on a national assessment framework aimed at promoting good practice and ensuring services are fit for purpose.

Board member for housing, Cllr Mike Rowley, congratulated the Oxford City team.

He said: "This is a real testament to the quality approaches that the city council takes to tackle and prevent homelessness, and a great recognition of the dedication of staff.

"Delivering high quality services that make a real difference to people in need is what matters. It is fantastic that we can do this and receive recognition by external parties."

The news comes after homeless people in the city were told last month that they could face fines of £2,500 for leaving their belongings on the streets. Rough sleepers found legal notices on their bags in Cornmarket Street prompting them to remove their belongings due to 'fire safety'.

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SpongeBob joins battle to stop oil drilling near reef

By George Welch

DOZENS of concerned Oxfordshire environmentalists – and SpongeBob SquarePants – have joined the fight to stop a major oil company from 'recklessly' drilling near the Amazon Reef.

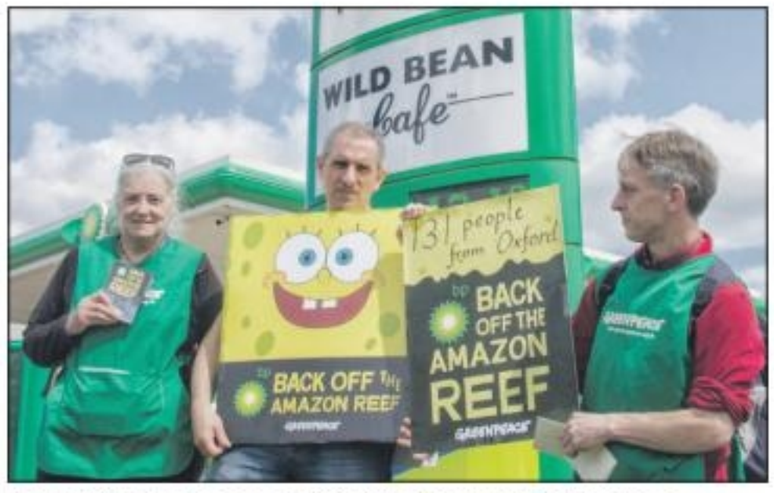
Oxfordshire Greenpeace has dubbed BP's plans of drilling near the Amazon Reef, an environmentally sensitive area located in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of French Guiana and northern Brazil, as dangerous.

More than 130 messages written by Oxfordshire people have been received by the county's arm of the global environmental organisation.

The hero of the famous cartoon series, SpongeBob SquarePants, is being used as the face of the campaign.

He joined activists to present a petition based on the messages to the manager of Woodstock Road BP garage last week.

The group set up stalls during July raise awareness of the 'little known' and 'unique reef' they allege is under threat from BP's plans.



From left, Greenpeace activists Julia Spragg, Chris Manley as SpongeBob and Steve Ball. Picture: Emma Tinker

They claim an oil spill would be disastrous for the reef and have a huge impact on people and animals in the region, including an ecosystem of pink corals, sunset-coloured fish and more than 60 species of seas sponge.

While more than 1.2million people have signed a global petition against BP's plans, the oil giant has refused to comment.

Steve Ball, an Oxfordshire Greenpeace activist, said: "Scientists have only explored five per cent of this unique reef, which may be home to animals and plants new to science.

"But before the reef can even be fully explored and documented, BP want to drill for oil nearby. BP's drilling puts this unique and largely unexplored reef under threat of an oil spill."

From left, Perdy van den Berg, Jane Maskell and Penny Latimer ready to embark on Ride London

Nursing pals pedal for diabetes

A TRIO of nurses completed a 46-mile bike ride and raised more than £1,400 to help tackle diabetes.

Diabetes specialist nurses Penny Latimer, Jane Maskell and Perdy van den Berg crossed the finish line of the Prudential ride from London to Surrey hand in hand after three hours and 40 minutes.

The three friends, who work with Oxfordshire's community diabetes service, completed the bike ride successfully for Diabetes UK on July 30.

The community service supports GP practices and health care teams to help them care for adults with predominantly Type 2 diabetes and also runs education courses for patients.

The trio raised the funds for vital research carried out by Diabetes UK.

Speaking after the ride, Penny, said: "We all managed the ride very well and decided to make sure we all rode together so we all crossed the finishing line at the same time."

Perdy, the clinical lead for the Oxfordshire community diabetes service, said: "The experience has been so rewarding that we're now considering entering the 100-mile challenge next year.

"It would be great to see more local diabetes specialist nurses join us."

Jane said: "It was an amazing experience. Cycling with over 25,000 other people was a brilliant experience."

Jill Steaton, regional head for Diabetes UK in the South East, said: "A big thank you to the team for their brilliant efforts."

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quiet a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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Leisure centre pool shuts after refit

A £353,000 makeover of changing facilities has finished – but swimmers will have to wait a few more weeks until they can be used.

The main changing and shower areas at Thame Leisure Centre have been improved, and new bench seating, cubicles, lockers, toilets and dryers have been added.

New ceilings, including LED lighting, along with redecoration, have also improved the area, thanks to funding from South Oxfordshire District Council.

Cllr Lynn Lloyd, the council's cabinet member for leisure, said: "I'm sure swimmers at Thame Leisure Centre will appreciate their new changing facilities.

"This upgrade marks a real improvement to the overall environment of the changing area and highlights our ongoing commitment to providing the best leisure facilities for all our residents."

However, residents will have to wait a little longer to use the facilities as the main pool will be closed until August 27 for 'essential maintenance'. The smaller small pool will be out of action until September 3, but the rest of the centre will remain open.

Cllr Lloyd added: "I know this will be frustrating for people wishing to swim towards the end of the summer holiday and we're sorry for the inconvenience. However, we need to carry out this work urgently to secure the future of the pool."

First brick laid at community hall

MP Victoria Prentis lays the first brick at the Kingsmere Community Hall

By Samantha McGregor

THE first bricks have been laid for a new community centre at a Bicester housing estate.

North Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis was called in to lay the first brick at the centre at Kingsmere.

Earlier this year, developer Countryside Properties was granted planning permission for the multi-function hall, to be built opposite St Edburg's School.

The community facility will be built around a landscaped public square. The building will include a ground floor café, multi-purpose hall and a dedicated youth facility in the adjacent building.

Both the community and youth centres will be run by Kingsmere Residents Association.

Mrs Prentis said: "I was delighted to lay the first brick of the community centre. With so many new houses going up in our area, projects that encourage cohesion among new residents are really important.

"Kingsmere is a well-established development in Bicester, and already has a strong community feel with a very active residents' association.

"I am really pleased that space has been made available for local groups and events, and I look forward to returning soon to look at progress."

Andrew Carrington, director of Countryside Properties (Bicester) Ltd, said: "The local centre is designed to serve as the 'heart of Kingsmere' in providing a great new range of amenities for the new community, which is now flourishing.

"As well as providing vital services and facilities for the residents, we hope that it becomes a place where people can meet and spend time socialising and relaxing."

The Kingsmere site has planning permission for more than 2,500 homes, with land set aside for a second primary school and a secondary school.

So far more than 600 properties have been built at the site as well as a Premier Inn hotel and pub/restaurant and park and ride.

The finishing touches are also being put to the new Bicester Sports Village, which will include football and rugby pitches, a cycling track and changing facility.

News Bites

Pothole cash plea

BANBURY: Labour councillor Mark Cherry is proposing a motion at the next full Oxfordshire County Council meeting on September 12 to press the government for extra cash to repair the county's roads.

He said: "So much of my time as a councillor is spent reporting potholes, and waiting for them to be repaired, when the reality is that everyone's hands are tied; mine, the county council technical teams, and the county council itself, because of government budget cuts."

Mr Cherry said he had put in requests for a string of repairs but work may not be done until 2018.

Toys 'r' here

BANBURY: Children's store Toys 'R' Us opened in Castle Quay Shopping Centre, between New Look and Sport Direct, on Monday.

It comes as plans progress for the new multi-million pound Castle Quay extension which will include a supermarket, hotel, cinema and six restaurants.

On Saturday, Geoffrey Giraffe will be at the store from 9am to meet youngsters and for photo opportunities.

TV show calling

OXON: Channel 4's First Dates show is looking for singles to take part in a new series of the popular show. The First Dates team say they particularly want to hear from single men aged 65 or over. Go to firstdatescasting.co.uk.

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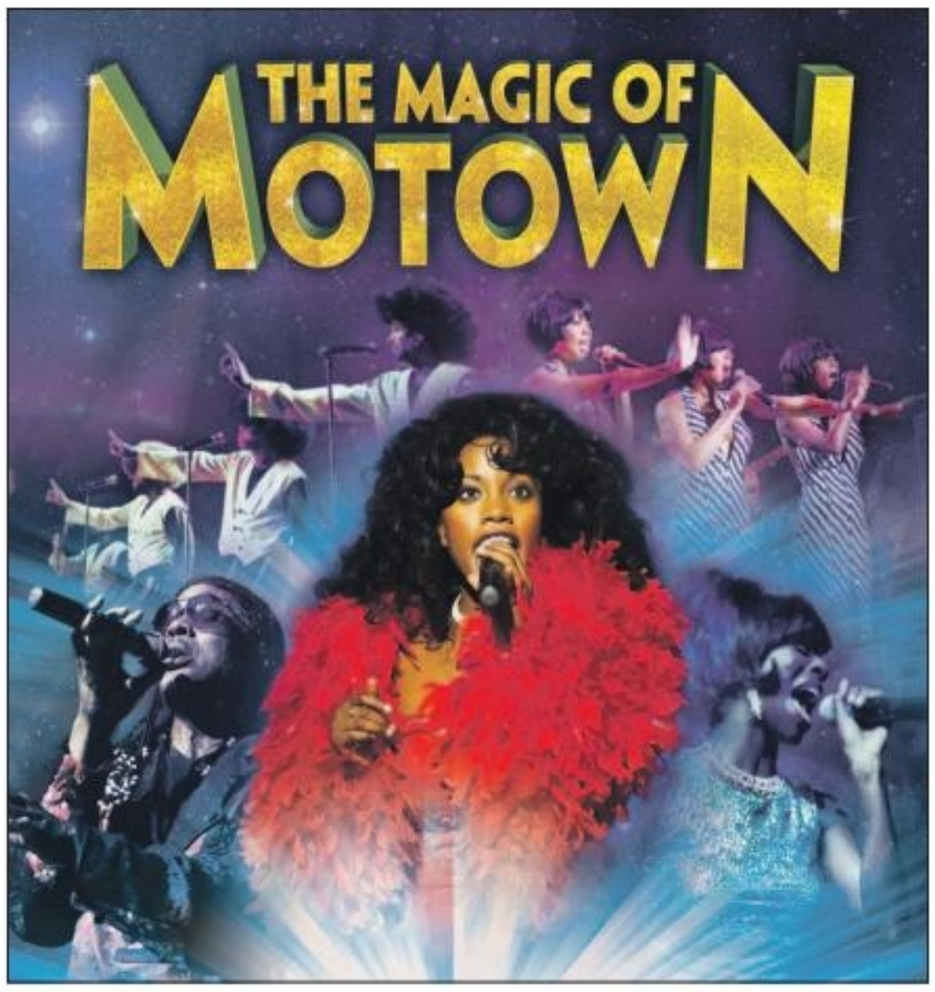

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Quick Clues Across

4 Ratify (6)
8 Part (7)
9 Is of use (6)
10 Servant (9)
11 Encourage (4)
13 Hard structure for biting (5)
14 Distribute widely (7)
16 Expels (7)
18 Harmful bacteria (5)
19 Soon (4)
21 Seasoning (9)
22 Kind of shoe (6)
23 Stupidity (7)
24 Egyptian leader (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Well-bred men (9)
2 Heed (9)
3 Links (5)
5 Measurements (4)
6 Turn upside-down (6)
7 Man who rules others (6)
9 Light meal (5)
11 Farthest (9)
12 Sprout (9)
15 Backless seat (5)
16 Fruit (6)
17 Indicates (6)
20 Snake (5)
21 Worry (4)

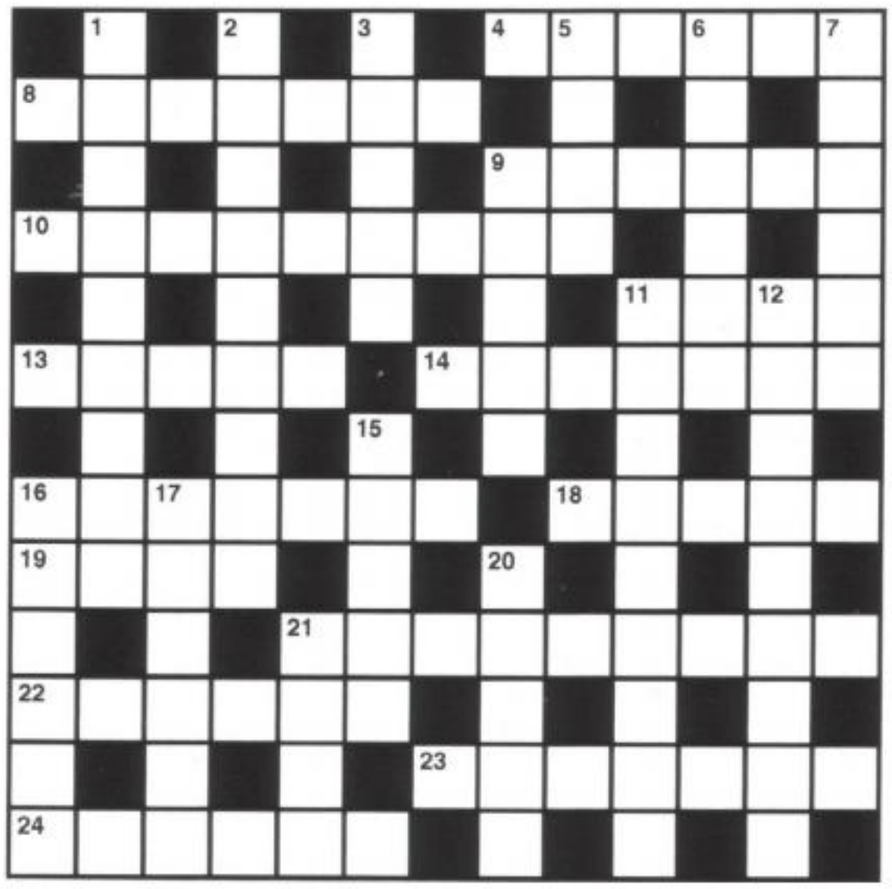
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 It upsets us to be insensitive (6)
8 Calmed down when all agreed (7)
9 Not an upright type (6)
10 He's a key worker (9)
11 Plots for sleepyheads (4)
13 Spruce up for the wedding (5)
14 They should know the rules of the game (7)
16 Hold it! (7)
18 Mock the noisy bumpkin (5)
19 Muse about the birds (4)
21 Explosives at the sack factory (9)
22 Followed Sue in the end (6)
23 Her telephone call is fishy (7)
24 I'd get in rank more neatly (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Joint opportunity in space (5,4)
2 Not footwear for sailors! (9)
3 It appears one should look at the manuscript (5)
5 Where one's liable to get into hot water (4)
6 It's not so pretty to lure G.I. (6)
7 The sexes are about to take a hundred - what intemperance! (6)
9 Times change newspaper articles (5)
11 William fed up with the poster? (9)
12 Let's have no humbug getting the sailors out of bed (9)
15 54 I'd make black and blue (5)
16 Join me in a small amount (6)
17 Tended to sunder apart (6)
20 He's revolting (5)
21 Destiny we hear is a holiday (4)



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EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

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This week's solutions

6	5	8	4	3	2	9	1	7
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2	5	3	9	4	1	8	7	6
6	7	9	3	8	5	1	2	4
1	4	8	7	6	2	5	9	3

Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Affirm 8 Section 9 Serves 10 Attendant 11 Urge 13 Teeth 14 Scatter 16 Deports 18 Germs 19 Anon 21 Condiment 22 Sandal 23 Density 24 Nasser

Down: 1 Gentlemen 2 Attention 3 Bonds 5 Feet 6 Invert 7 Master 9 Snack 11 Uttermost 12 Germinate 15 Stool 16 Damson 17 Points 20 Adder 21 Care

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Obtuse 8 Allayed 9 Italic 10 Locksmith 11 Beds 13 Groom 14 Umpires 16 Contain 18 Flout 19 Emus 21 Fireworks 22 Ensued 23 Herring 24 Tidier

Down: 1 Elbow room 2 Jackboots 3 Seems 5 Bath 6 Uglier 7 Excess 9 Items 11 Billboard 12 Debunking 15 Livid 16 Cement 17 Nursed 20 Rebel 21 Fete

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DISNEY: cheese, bacon and salad	3.60	4.70
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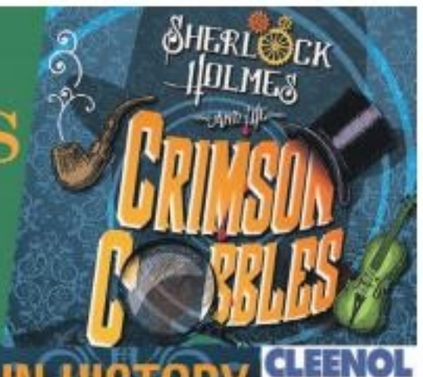

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BBC1

DAYTIME

10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) **11.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure** (S)(R) **12.00 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **2.15 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **3.15 Escape to the Country** (S) **4.00 Final Score** (S) **5.15 FILM Toy Story (1995) (PG)** (S) **6.30 BBC News** (S) **6.40 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.45 Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme** (S)

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7.20 Pointless Celebrities A Formula One-themed edition of the quiz show. (S)(R)

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8.05 Who Dares Wins Game show in which strangers pair up to win money. (S)

8.45 Casualty New series. Part one of two. (S)

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9.35 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes tries to gatecrash Maria's hen party. (S)(R)

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10.05 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

10.25 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights from the latest Premier League. (S)

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11.50 People Just Do Nothing New series. The spoof documentary about a pirate radio station returns. (S)

AFTER 12

12.20 FILM Tron: Legacy (2010) (PG) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jeff Bridges. (S) **2.15** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.20** BBC News (S)

BBC2

10.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **11.00 Ulster Derby Highlights** (S) **12.00 Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen** (S)(R) **1.00 Wanted Down Under** (S)(R) **1.45 FILM Forbidden Planet (1956) (U)** (S) **3.20 Mastermind** (S)(R) **3.50 University Challenge** (S)(R) **4.20 Only Connect** (S)(R) **4.50 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **5.50 The Big Family Cooking Showdown** (S)(R) **6.50 Proms Extra** (S)

7.30 Welcome to Edinburgh Kirsty Wark celebrates 70 years of the Edinburgh Festival. (S)

8.00 Iolo's Great Welsh Parks Iolo Williams explores Margam Country Park. (S)

8.30 Dad's Army Pike gets trapped in a minefield. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM The Lady in the Van (2015) (12) The true story of Alan Bennett's friendship with an eccentric homeless woman. Starring Maggie Smith. (S)

10.40 Being Alan Bennett Cameras follow the author during key moments of his 75th year, revealing the apparent contradictions in his personality. (S)(R)

11.40 FILM The History Boys (2006) (15) Comedy drama, with Richard Griffiths and Stephen Campbell Moore. (S)

1.30 FILM Henry V (1989) (PG) Shakespeare's historical drama, directed by and starring Kenneth Branagh. (S) **3.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

9.25 Judge Rinder (S)(R) **10.20 Gok's Lunchbox** (S)(R) **11.15 1000 Heartbeats** (S)(R) **12.15 ITV News;** Weather (S) **12.25 The Chase** (S)(R) **1.25 Joanna Lumley's Postcards** (S)(R) **1.55 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **3.00 Midsomer Murders** (S)(R) **5.00 Little Big Shots USA** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.05 ITV News** (S) **6.20 You've Been Framed! Bounces Back!** (S)(R)

7.15 Catchphrase Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 FILM The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) (12) Comic-book adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone. (S)

10.35 ITV News; Weather (S)

10.50 FILM The World Is Not Enough (1999) (12) Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Robert Carlyle and Sophie Marceau. (S)

1.10 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

6.45 Triathlon: Long Course Weekend (S) **7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.55 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) **12.50 Four in a Bed** (S)(R) **3.35 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** (S)(R) **4.35 Big House, Little House** (S) **5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It** (S)(R) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 Britain at Low Tide Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands visit Essex to investigate the earthwork remains of a Tudor fort. Last in the series. (S)(R)

8.00 Child Genius: The Final The five finalists demonstrate their knowledge of degree-level specialist subjects. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 FILM The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Jennifer Lawrence and Liam Hemsworth. (S)

11.50 FILM X-Men (2000) (12) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart. (S)

1.35 The Windsors (S)(R) **2.05** Hollyoaks (S) **4.10** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.05** Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.25 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) **10.50 FILM Igor (2008) (PG)** Animated comedy, with the voice of John Cusack (S) **12.25 Disobedient Dogs Make Yo Laugh Out Loud** Compilation of internet videos featuring dogs. (S)(R) **1.20 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** (S)(R) **3.15 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords** (S)(R) **5.10 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** (S)(R)

7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Paul Bohill and Phil Short must deal with a negligent tenant who fled upon their arrival. (S)(R)

8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Two agents face the most challenging eviction of their careers. (S)(R)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Highlights from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sheffield United v Barnsley. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)

10.30 Celebrity Big Brother Highlights from Friday. (S)

11.30 Lip Sync Battle UK: Rufus Hound v Jorgie Porter The comedian and actress compete. (S)(R)

12.00 Cricket on 5 (S) **1.00** SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Gotham (S)(R) **4.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R) **4.45** Access (S) **4.55** Great Scientists (S)(R) **5.25** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Adam Lambert: The Hot Desk **6.10** Emmerdale **9.10** Coronation Street **11.40** Catchphrase **12.25** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **12.55** You've Been Framed! Gold **1.20** You've Been Framed! Goes Wild! **2.25** FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman and Natalie Portman. **3.25** FYI Daily **3.30** FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) **4.15** FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12) **5.15** FYI Daily **5.20** FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12) **6.10** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) **7.10** FYI Daily **7.15** FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Concluded. **8.00** FILM: Crazy, Stupid, Love (2011) (12) Comedy, starring Steve Carell. **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** FILM: Crazy, Stupid, Love (2011) (12) Concluded. **10.20** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.20** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **2.10** Viral Tap **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **8.40** Heidi **10.55** Margery and Gladys **1.00** The Darling Buds of May **2.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.05** FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) **5.05** FYI Daily **5.10** FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) **5.55** Wycliffe **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **1.55** Rising Damp **2.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Brain with David Eagleman **8.00** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.55** Bob Monkhouse: The Last Stand **12.00** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse **1.25** David Bowie and the Story of Ziggy Stardust **2.30** Fossil Wonderlands: Nature's Hidden Treasures **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 The Goldbergs **6.50** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **9.30** Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **10.35** FILM: Escape from Planet Earth (2013) (U) **12.15** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **12.30** The Goldbergs **3.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.30** Don't Tell the Bride **6.30** FILM: Beautiful Creatures (2013) (12) Fantasy, starring Alden Ehrenreich. **9.00** FILM: I Give It a Year (2013) (15) Romantic comedy, with Rose Byrne and Rafe Spall. **11.00** Gogglebox **1.05** Rude Tube: All Things Weird and Wonderful **2.15** Tattoo Fixers **3.10** Gogglebox **4.05** How I Met Your Mother **4.50** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **9.30** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **1.40** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes **2.40** Come Dine with Me **5.20** Four in a Bed **8.00** The Royal House of Windsor **9.00** Princess Diana's "Wicked" Stepmother **10.05** The Other Prince William **11.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Father Ted **2.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Sunshine on Leith (2013) (PG) **1.00** Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) (PG) **2.50** Epic (2013) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Amanda Seyfried. **4.55** Carry On Teacher (1959) (U) Comedy, starring Ted Ray. **6.40** The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (2013) (PG) Comedy drama, starring Ben Stiller. **8.55** Patti Cake$ Interview Special **9.00** I, Frankenstein (2014) (12) Fantasy adventure, starring Aaron Eckhart. **10.45** Attack the Block (2011) (15) Sci-fi comedy thriller, starring Jodie Whittaker and John Boyega. **12.30** The Windmill Massacre (2016) (18) **2.10** Submarine (2010) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.20** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **8.10** Top Gear **9.10** Brojects **9.40** Sin City Motors **11.40** Top Gear **12.40** Traffic Cops **2.40** Gavin & Stacey **4.40** Would I Lie to You? **6.40** Not Going Out **8.00** Not Going Out Christmas Special **9.00** FILM: Centurion (2010) (15) Ancient Roman action thriller, starring Michael Fassbender. **10.55** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **11.55** QI XL **12.55** QI **1.35** Russell Howard's Good News **2.15** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **3.05** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Birds of a Feather **7.50** The Last Detective **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** FILM: Ballet Shoes (2007) (PG) Drama, starring Emma Watson and Victoria Wood. **7.00** Maisie Raine **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **10.40** Waking the Dead **1.05** The Lost World **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **7.00** The Dog Whisperer **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **8.30** Soccer AM: The Best Bits **9.00** PL Prediction Show **9.30** Premier League Preview **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** What's Up **12.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **1.0** The Dog Whisperer **3.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Rugby's Funniest Moments **9.00** FILM: Days of Thunder (1990) (15) Motor racing drama, starring Tom Cruise. **11.05** Micky Flanagan Thinking Aloud **12.05** A League of The Own **1.05** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Storm City **8.00** Fish Town **11.00** FILM: The (Dea Mothers) Club. **12.25** Open Your Eyes **1.10** House **4.0** Without a Trace **9.00** The Pacific **11.25** Ballers **12.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.35** Real Time with Bill Maher **1.45** Twin Peaks: The Return **2.55** The Brink **4.05** The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.00 Beauty and the Beast **7.00** Inside the Ambulance **8.00** The Bill **1.00** EastEnders **3.30** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals **4.00** My Family **6.00** FILM: Spy Kids 2: Island o Lost Dreams (2002) (U) Family adventure sequel, starring Antonio Banderas. **8.00** One Born: What Happened Next? **9.00** FILM: Demolition Man (1993) (15) Sci-fi thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.15** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.15** Inside the Ambulance **1.20** Wild Justice **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.20 Waiting for God **9.00** Open All Hours **9.40** Only Fools and Horses **10.20** Open All Hours **3.00** Still Ope All Hours **5.00** Open All Hours **9.00** The Office **11.00** Bottom **12.20** The Mighty Boosh **1.40** Limmy's Show **2.50** The Office **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY 401

6.00 Through the Night **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fan **8.30** Live New Zealand NPC Rugby. **10.20** Rugby Archive **10.30** Soccer Saturday Pre-Match **11.30** Live Premier League. **3.15** Live Super League: The Qualifiers. Warrington Wolves v Halifax RLFC (kick-off 3.15pm). **5.15** Live EFL. Sunderland v Leeds United (kick-off 5.30pm). **7.40** Live Test Cricket. England v West Indies. **9.30** Test Cricket: The Verdict **10.00** Live Solheim Cup Golf. The second day's play at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club in Iowa. **12.30** Live ATP Masters Tennis. **2.00** Live Fight Night International. **5.30** Premier League Highlights

Sunday August 20th

DAYTIME

BBC1

7.35 Match of the Day (S)(R) **9.00 BBC News** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Money for Nothing** (S)(R) **2.15 Songs of Praise** (S) **2.50 Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix** (S) **5.10 Celebrity Mastermind** (S)(R) **5.40 BBC News** (S) **5.55 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.05 Countryfile** (S)

7 **7.05 Fake or Fortune?** New series. Fiona Bruce and art expert Philip Mould investigate a landscape that may be a lost painting by Constable. (S)

8 **8.05 FILM Far from the Madding Crowd (2015) (12)** Premiere. Period drama, with Carey Mulligan and Matthias Schoenaerts. (S)

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10 **10.00 BBC News** (S) **10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **10.30 Match of the Day 2** Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action. (S)

11 **11.30 FILM Dream House (2011) (15)** Horror, starring Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts and Rachel Weisz. (S)

AFTER **12** **12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **1.00** BBC News (S)

BBC2

9.15 Countryfile (S)(R) **10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.45 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food** (S)(R) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain** (S)(R) **1.30 Athletics: Birmingham Grand Prix** (S) **2.50 Flog It!** (S)(R) **3.45 Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney** (S)(R) **4.45 Equestrian** (S) **6.50 Tribes, Predators & Me** (S)(R)

7 **7.50 Meet the New Dragons** An introduction to Dragons' Den's new panellists. (S)

8 **8.00 Dragons' Den** New series. Tej Lalvani and Jenny Campbell join the panel casting an eye over more money-making ideas. (S)

9 **9.00 Astronauts: Do You Have What it Takes?** New series. A group of 12 people compete against each other through six weeks of astronaut training. (S)

10 **10.00 Ill Behaviour** New series. Comedy about a man who responds to an old friend's cancer diagnosis by kidnapping him and forcing him to undergo chemotherapy. (S)

11 **11.00 FILM The Hunter (2011) (15)** Drama, starring Willem Dafoe, Frances O'Connor and Sam Neill (S)

12 **12.35 FILM Tommy (1975) (15)** Rock opera, starring Roger Daltrey. (S) **2.10** Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **3.10** Holby City (S)(R) **4.10** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

8.30 Weekend (S) **9.25 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **10.20 Long Lost Family** (S)(R) **11.20 Love Your Garden** (S)(R) **12.20 ITV News** (S) **12.25 James Martin's French Adventure** (S)(R) **1.00 Rebound** (S)(R) **1.55 Tipping Point** (S)(R) **2.55 Bear Grylls Survival School** (S)(R) **3.25 FILM Licence to Kill (1989) (15)** (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News** (S) **6.10 ITV News** (S) **6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special** (S)

7 **7.30 FILM Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2 (2011) (12)** Conclusion of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe and Ralph Fiennes. (S)

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10 **10.00 ITV News;** Weather (S) **10.15 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories** Barrister Robert Rinder examines the case of murderer Kenneth Noye. (S)(R)

11 **11.15 Take Me Out** A Michael Jackson impersonator is among the contestants. (S)(R)

12 **12.35 Jackpot247 3.00** Motorsport UK (S) **3.50 ITV** Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

6.00 Last Man Standing (S) **7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** (S)(R) **1.35 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **3.35 Toy Story Toons** (S)(R) **4.05 FILM Toy Story That Time Forgot (2014) (U)** (S) **4.30 FILM Tangled (2010) (PG)** Disney animated comedy, with the voice of Mandy Moore. (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7 **7.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year** New series. George Clarke presides over the 2017 competition. (S)

8 **8.00 From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier** New series. Levison Wood travels across the Caucasus mountain range. (S)

9 **9.00 The State** New series. Drama following the experiences of four British men and women who left their lives behind to join Isis in 2015. Continues tomorrow. (S)

10 **10.00 FILM The Gunman (2015) (15)** After spending years in hiding, a mercenary becomes the latest target of his former colleagues. Crime drama, starring Sean Penn and Idris Elba. (S)

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12 **12.10 FILM Belle (2013) (12)** (S) **2.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) **2.50** Gillette World Sport (S) **3.20** KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) **3.50** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **4.45** Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R)

Channel 5

11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) **12.00 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.00 Police Interceptors: Dog Squad Special** (S)(R) **2.00 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits** (S)(R) **3.00 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits 2** (S)(R) **3.55 Police Interceptors: Drugs Bust** (S)(R) **4.55** News Weekend (S) **5.00 Biggest Dog in the World** (S)(R) **6.00 The Secret Life of Puppies: Terrible Twos** (S)(R)

7 **7.30 The Ant & Dec Story** Documentary celebrating much loved duo Anthony McPartlin and Declan Donnelly. (S)(R)

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9 **9.00 Celebrity Big Brother** The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt (S)

10 **10.05 Before They Were Stars** Dale Winton treks back through the TV archive to uncover embarrassing early brushes with fame endured by some of today's biggest stars. (S)

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12 **12.05 Cricket on 5** (S) **1.00** SuperCasino (S) **3.10** Gotham (S)(R) **4.00** Now That's Funny! (S)(R) **4.50** Great Scientists (S)(R) **5.20** Nick's Quest (S)(R) **5.45** Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Mr Bean **6.25** Emmerdale **9.25** Coronation Street **11.55** Ninja Warrior UK **1.00** Mr Bean **2.05** FILM: Honey (2003) (PG) Urban dance drama, starring Jessica Alba. **3.05** FYI Daily **3.10** FILM: Honey (2003) (PG) Concluded. **4.00** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) Live action and animated comedy, starring Brendan Fraser. **5.00** FYI Daily **5.05** FILM: Looney Tunes: Back in Action (2003) (PG) Concluded. **5.50** FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Emma Thompson. **6.50** FYI Daily **6.55** FILM: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) (U) Concluded. **8.00** FILM: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) (12) Motor-racing adventure, starring Lucas Black. **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** FILM: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift (2006) (12) Concluded. **10.05** Family Guy **12.00** American Dad! **12.55** The Cleveland Show **1.50** Viral Tap **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **7.00** FYI Daily **7.05** FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) Concluded. **7.35** Heartbeat **9.35** Murder, She Wrote **11.40** The Darling Buds of May **12.45** Heidi **2.50** Wycliffe **3.55** Foyle's War **6.00** Margery and Gladys **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.05** FILM: Casablanca (1942) (U) Romantic drama, with Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10** FILM: Casablanca (1942) (U) Concluded. **2.05** Margery and Gladys **3.45** May the Best House Win **5.30** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Do We Really Need the Moon? **8.00** BBC Proms 2017 **10.40** The Treasure Hunters **12.40** James May at the Edge of Space **1.10** The Rules of Abstraction with Matthew Collings **2.40** The Art of Australia **3.40** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Kevin Can Wait **6.25** Couples Come Dine with Me **8.25** Hollyoaks **11.00** Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **12.00** The Goldbergs **1.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** The Crystal Maze: Celebrity Specials **8.00** FILM: Shallow Hal (2001) (12) Comedy, starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black. **10.15** Don't Tell the Bride **11.20** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **12.25** Body Fixers **1.30** Gogglebox **2.30** Rude Tube: Superstars of the Web **3.25** Rude Tube **3.50** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location **12.10** Come Dine with Me **2.50** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **8.00** The Secret Life of the Zoo **9.00** Father Ted **10.05** It Was Alright in the 1970s **11.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.15** It Was Alright in the 1970s **3.15** 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut **3.55** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Carry On Nurse (1959) (PG) Comedy, starring Hattie Jacques. **1.00** Antz (1998) (PG) Animated comedy, with the voice of Woody Allen. **2.40** Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (2013) (PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Logan Lerman. **4.45** Multiplicity (1996) (12) Sci-fi comedy, starring Michael Keaton. **7.00** Patti Cake$ Interview Special **7.05** Hocus Pocus (1993) (PG) Supernatural Disney comedy, starring Bette Midler. **9.00** The Drop (2014) (15) Crime drama, starring Tom Hardy. **11.10** Splice (2009) (15) Sci-fi horror, starring Adrien Brody and Sarah Polley. **1.15** Isolation (2005) (15) Horror, starring Essie Davis. **3.10** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping **7.20** Top Gear **9.20** Red Bull Soapbox Race **10.20** Traffic Cops **12.20** The Best of Top Gear **1.20** Top Gear **2.20** Would I Lie to You? **3.40** Not Going Out **5.00** Not Going Out Christmas Special **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Cops UK: Bodycam Squad **8.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News For You **10.00** Taskmaster **11.00** Live at the Apollo **12.00** QI XL **1.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News For You **2.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.50** Suits **4.00** Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 Ain't Misbehavin' **8.00** The Bill **12.00** Call the Midwife **4.00** Catherine Cookson's The Glass Virgin **7.00** Murdoch Mysteries **8.00** The Doctor Blake Mysteries **9.00** Silent Witness **11.30** Taggart **1.10** FILM: The Last Musketeer (2000) (15) Drama, starring Robson Green. **3.10** Call the Midwife **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Futurama **9.30** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **10.00** WWE Raw Hits **11.00** MacGyver **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **9.00** Ross Kemp on Gangs **10.00** The Force: North East **11.00** Zoo **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Most Daring **3.00** Road Wars **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Storm City **8.00** Fish Town **11.00** House **2.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **4.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **10.10** Real Time with Bill Maher **11.25** 1993 **12.20** Ballers **12.50** Game of Thrones **3.10** Twin Peaks: The Return **4.20** The Guest Wing

W SKY: 109

6.11 Beauty and the Beast **7.00** MasterChef Australia **12.30** My Restaurant in India **1.00** Doctor Who **4.00** My Family **6.00** Outnumbered **8.00** One Born Every Minute **10.00** Life and Death Row **11.20** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.00** One Born: What Happened Next? **1.00** Happy Valley **3.00** Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.20 Waiting for God **8.20** Only Fools and Horses **9.00** Open All Hours **11.40** Only Fools and Horses **1.00** Still Open All Hours **5.00** Open All Hours **7.00** Still Open All Hours **9.00** The Office **11.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **12.00** FILM: Memoirs of an Invisible Man (1992) (PG) Comedy spy thriller, starring Chevy Chase and Daryl Hannah. **2.10** The Mighty Boosh **2.45** The Office **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night **7.00** Total Goals **9.00** Live European Tour Golf. The Paul Lawrie Match Play. Coverage of the fourth day from Bad Griesbach Golf Resort in Germany. **10.30** Sky Sports Today **11.00** Goals on Sunday **12.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Huddersfield Town v Newcastle United (kick-off 12.30pm). Coverage of the Premier League encounter at John Smith's Stadium. **3.30** Live Nissan Super Sunday. Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea (kick-off 4.00pm). Coverage of the Premier League clash at Wembley Stadium. **7.00** Live Solheim Cup Golf. The third day at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club, featuring 12 singles matches, at the biennial women's tournament between Europe and the United States concludes. **12.00** Through the Night

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Classic thriller in spotlight

By Samantha McGregor

GET set to welcome Ruth Rendell's thriller, A Judgement in Stone, to the Oxford Playhouse next month.

From one of Britain's best crime novelists, The Classic Thriller Theatre Company bring Ruth Rendell's thriller to Oxford as it begins the second leg of its national tour this autumn.

It takes to the stage at the Playhouse from September 4 to 9.

Considered to be one of Rendell's greatest works, this new adaptation is a classic whodunit – with a line-up of dubious characters, cunning alibis and a fiendish collection of clues that lead to the killer. Can you get there before the detectives?

The story follows misfit Eunice. When she joins a wealthy family as their housekeeper, a secret long hidden leads to a terrible tale of murder in cold blood.

A lifetime of deceit, despair and cover-ups start to unravel, bringing a shocking revelation almost as grisly as murder itself.

The all-star cast features Chris Ellison, known for his role as ITV's DCI Frank Burnside in The Bill and Burnside and has also appeared in The Sweeney, Dempsey and Makepeace, and The Professionals.

He's joined by Robert Duncan, who starred in Witness for the Prosecution, Verdict and Go Back For Murder as a member of the Agatha Christie Theatre Company; TV actress Deborah Grant from Bergerac fame, and Ben Nealon, from ITV's award-winning drama Soldier Soldier.

The cast also includes Sophie Ward, who last appeared in Oxford in Brave New World and played the ill-fated love interest in Young Sherlock Holmes, movie icon Shirley Anne Field and Antony Costa who shot to fame in chart-topping boy band Blue.

The Classic Thriller Theatre Company, formerly the Agatha Christie Theatre Company, has a successful history of producing murder mystery dramas, including productions such as Black Coffee, Go Back For Murder and Murder on the Nile gracing the Playhouse stage.

This novel has been adapted by crime writer Simon Brett and Agatha Christie adapter Antony Lampard, and is directed by Roy Marsden, best known as Commander Adam Dalgliesh in Anglia TV's P.D. James series.

Tickets from £15, are available from the Oxford Playhouse Ticket Office on 01865 305305 or view oxfordplayhouse.com

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The Ultimate Tribute Show, A Night of Dirty Dancing, will take to the stage at the Cornerstone Arts Centre, in Didcot, on September 16, at 7.30pm. You'll have the time of your life - need we say more...

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Magic of Marmozets

The Marmozets, whose debut album won Kerrang!'s Album of the Year in 2014, will headline the Oxford O2 Academy on Monday.

The show is part of a warm up tour ahead of their gig at Reading and Leeds festivals.

Solve the clues...

Help solve a murder with an exciting new interactive murder mystery event next week.

Murder in Motion is putting on tennis-themed Match Point Murder at the picturesque Star Inn in Stanton St John at 7pm on Thursday.

Guests will watch scenes unfold and discover clues, leading up to the murder before they need to work out whodunnit with a bottle of Champagne up for grabs.

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Singers are In The Pink

By Samantha McGregor

A cappella group In The Pink are entertaining at the Edinburgh Fringe with a mixture of anecdotes, songs and sass

A GROUP of Oxford-based students are performing at this week's Edinburgh Fringe Festival after raising more than £5,000.

A cappella group In The Pink are presenting their show Fantastic Beats taking 'the audience on a spellbinding journey through student life at Oxford to find the music, and magic, in the most everyday of occurrences'.

Although it's the 12th time the group have appeared at the festival, for many of the singers it will be their first performance on the famous stage.

Roseanna Cawthey Stern said: "When we reached the target we were elated. The amount we set out to raise was ambitious and we've been overwhelmed by all the support we've received.

"We actually exceeded our target which is amazing. Due to the generosity of family, friends and supporters of the group we raised £5,311.

"Taking a show to Edinburgh is expensive, and this money will go towards production costs as well as accommodation for the week we are resident there.

"Edinburgh provides a wonderful opportunity to put together a more ambitious offering and create a show that is uniquely ours.

"If you're coming to watch, expect entertaining anecdotes interspersed with arrangements of songs you know and love, presented with dynamism, sass and good dose of girl power."

In The Pink was formed in 2004 and is made up mostly of students from Oxford University and Oxford Brookes.

Roseanna said: "We don't know where the name In The Pink comes from, but it's probably because we were set up as a female alternative to one of Oxford's all male a cappella groups, Out of the Blue."

Usually the group perform gigs in and around Oxford, as well as balls, charity fundraisers and social events.

In The Pink will perform at the Space, in Lower Niddry Street, until Saturday.

Amber Run on way to Oxford

HAVING just returned from wowing crowds on their European tour, alternative pop group Amber Run have just announced a string of live appearances.

Buoyed by the success of their album For A Moment, I Was Lost the rising four-piece will head back out on the road this autumn, on a tour that includes a date in Oxford at the O2 Academy on October 7.

Over the past month, they've played some of the biggest festivals in Europe – Pink Pop in Netherlands and Hurricane/Southside in Germany.

In his latest tour Amber Run will play 12 shows.

Joe Keogh, Amber Run frontman, said: "Oxford has always been a great show for us in the band. You always hear of rowdy, fun crowds up north in places like Manchester but for us Oxford has always had that edge as well. We are psyched to be coming back and playing in your beautiful city again."

The Nottingham based band's breakthrough single I Found from debut album 5am now has more than 30 million streams on Spotify

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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing **too little, too late** to protect their hard-earned assets.

Paul King, Head of April King Legal

Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for these services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate was counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn remarriage usually cancels a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children! Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the burden on children should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."

"The Lasting Power of Attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."

Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other firms before approaching the Firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."

"Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."

"I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

"Bloodline Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These type of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wording in these Wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

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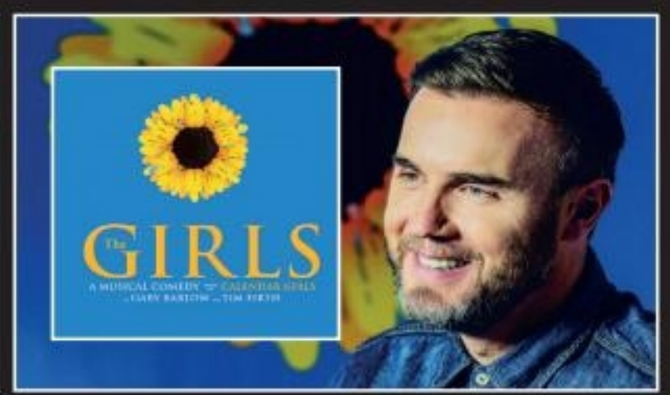

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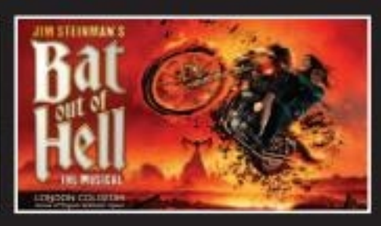

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Newton ready to get running

By Samantha McGregor

ORGANISERS are putting the finishing touches to the 53rd Towersey Festival in Thame, which is now just days away.

Featuring four days of music and entertainment, it includes appearances from KT Tunstall, Jon Boden, Newton Faulkner, The Blockheads, Show Of Hands and many more.

With the full programme planned, Towersey boasts 12 stages that are set to host more than 150 events across four days and nights, from August 25 to 28.

Newton Faulkner, who headlines the festival on Saturday night alongside performances by Eliza Carthy & The Wayward Band and The Blockheads, took some time out to speak to the Oxfordshire Guardian ahead of the festival and the release of his new album.

It's 10-years since his debut album, Hand Built By Robots, and he recently toured the UK and Europe opening for Amy Macdonald.

His new album – Hit The Ground Running – will be released on September 1.

Asked how the new songs have been received so far, he said: "There are some songs that I wrote to be ballsy, but the guitar isn't important – it's all about the vocal. They've been going down really well. There's been some bits up on Instagram and played at gigs, and people seem to really like them."

He said for the new album, he wrote songs to work best when played solo after complications with Human Zoo.

Newton said: "I wrote the previous album (2015's Human Zoo) with a band in mind and when it came to doing promo' stuff, it became messy.

"I was doing TV shows and I'd have to think about who I'd take and I'd suddenly realise I had to take 10 people with me.

"It was amazing, playing with the band and having a drummer with me – but it can cost a lot of money taking people around with you.

"And people came out of gigs and said 'that was good, but I prefer you on your own'."

Newton has also been busy with other projects, including writing music for films.

Elsewhere at the festival catch comedians Rob Deering, former pupil of Thame's Lord Williams's School, Gavin Osborn and Steve Faulkner, who make up the Saturday night comedy line-up.

For more information and tickets view towerseyfestival.com

Newton Faulkner's Towersey gig coincides with the release of his new album

Wave hello to the Coasts

HOT on the heels of their new album release, Coasts will be playing in Oxford this autumn.

Coasts formed in 2011 after meeting as students in Bristol and have since built up a large fan base.

Their new album, called This Life, is due to be released tomorrow by High Time Records.

This Life explores themes of growing and self-discovery and includes tracks Take Me Back Home, Heart Starts Beating and Tomorrow.

It is the product of a year in the studio working with a collaboration of seasoned producers.

Coasts have clocked up millions of streams, 130,000 Facebook likes and more than 100,000 sales thanks to singles Modern Love, A Rush of Blood and You and Oceans.

They have also performed at a string of festivals including Coachella, Glastonbury, Reading, Leeds and Lollapalooza.

Now Coasts are touring the length and breadth of the UK in a 38-date tour, which includes a stop off at The Bullingdon, Oxford, on October 1.

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Advertorial

Aqua Park had us wanting to jump right in

By Josh Cox

MY partner and I were both a little cautious of a water park in England; that stemmed from Britain's weather, with its many ups and downs. However, our visit to Oxford Aqua Park put our cautiousness to rest.

Upon parking, we were certainly delighted by the very short walk to reception and, also when following that, we were greeted by smiling and friendly faces.

After a short introduction and signing the waiver we were rather early, so we settled for a barista-style coffee and some light snacks in their on-site café, before our session began.

Putting my 'manliness' aside, we both opted for the wetsuits.

A life guard gave the safety briefing, keeping it clear and concise, and not before long we were jumping in the water and mounting our assault on the Park.

There must have been over 30 different platforms, most with daring obstacles, slippery slides, thrilling challenges and more.

The satisfying feeling of accomplishment after finishing an obstacle was only met by the enjoyment and laughter of falling flat in the water on failing the next!

Although there was a fairly large group of us, at no one time did we feel surrounded due to the vast network of obstacles, platforms and slides - giving you plenty to explore.

The 50 minute session was more than enough. Trust me. Being rather active, it did provide a great (and unusual) workout at the very least. Throughout our time there, we had ear to ear grins from the attempting, succeeding and failing at the obstacles.

Originally thinking it was designed for children, we were met with surprise as there were, what seemed to be, an equal measure of adults and children, all enjoying the mayhem and nonsense of the 'Ninja Warrior' style Aqua Park.

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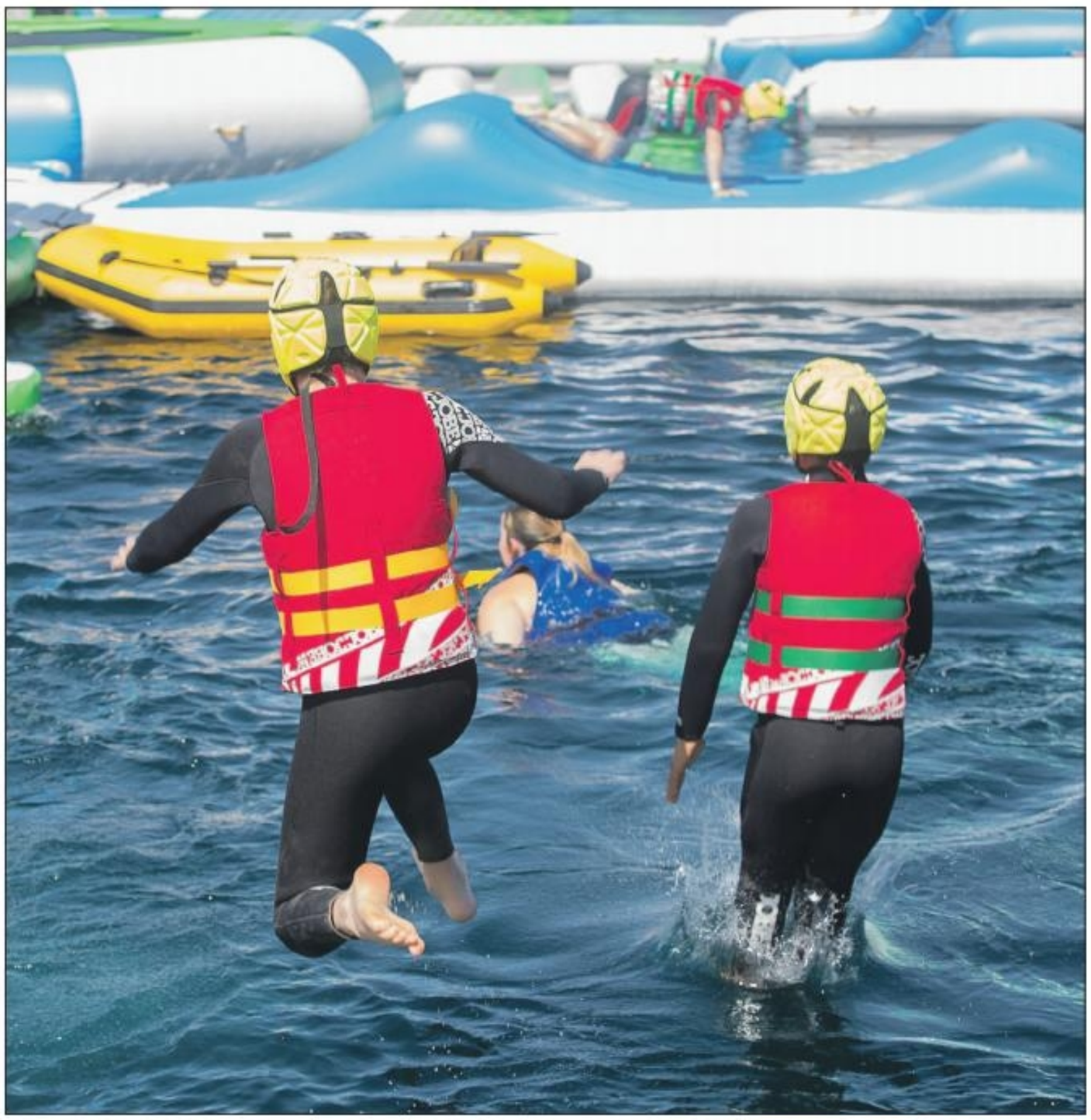

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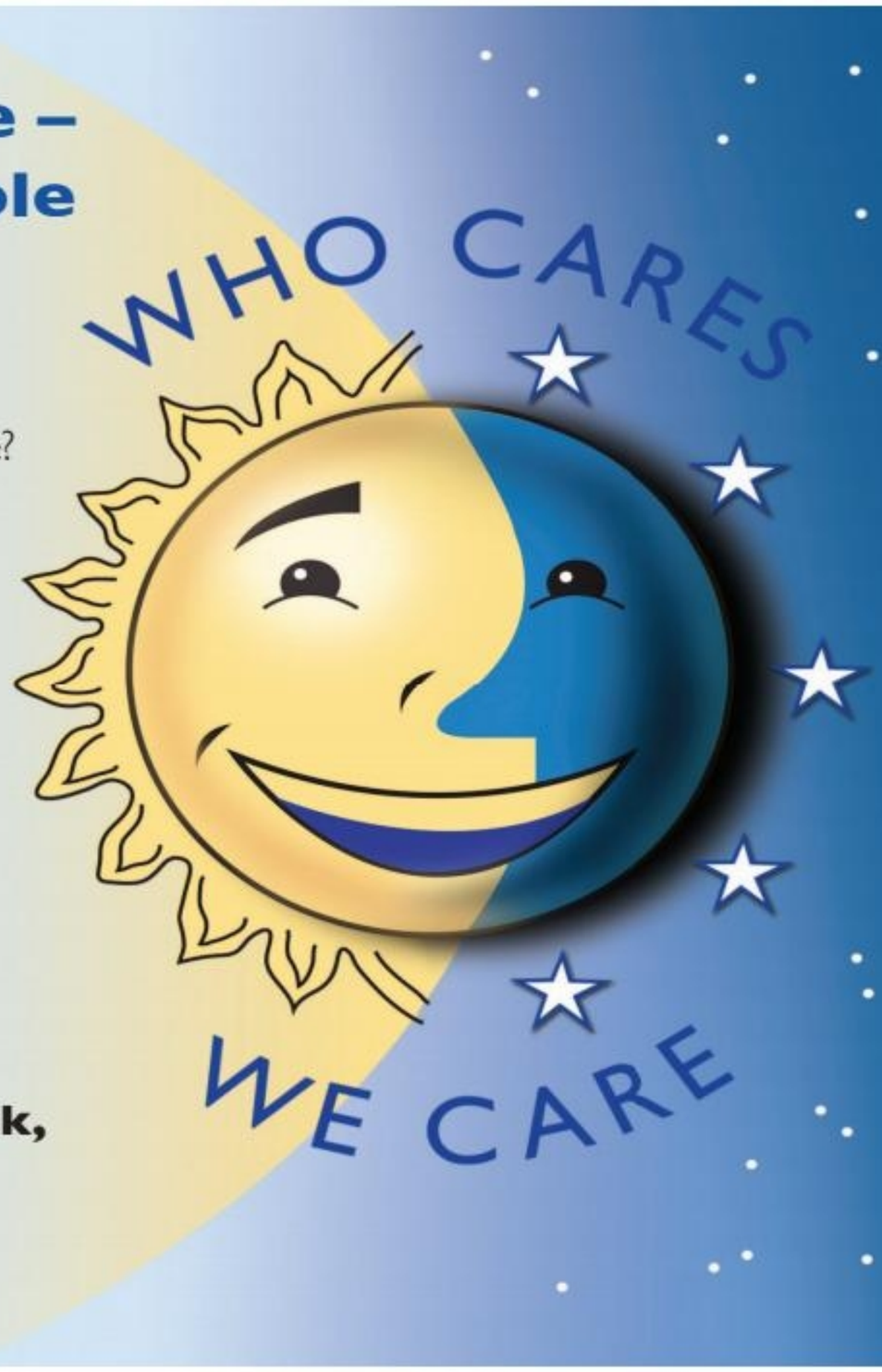


ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

Disjointed buddy movie caper misses its mark

The Hitman's Bodyguard (15)

By Laurie Bailey

HOW do you ruin a script plucked straight from the Hollywood 'blacklist' of highly-rated unproduced screenplays? Patrick Hughes' 'The Hitman's Bodyguard' provides an eloquent answer: decide your serious action-adventure film would actually work better as a screwball buddy comedy, then give your team two weeks to rewrite the whole thing. Ouch.

This is, according to star Ryan Reynolds in an interview with Vice, exactly what happened just before filming began on this bizarre project.

Reynolds plays Michael Bryce, a former 'Triple-A' rated executive bodyguard whose status was revoked after a high-profile failure.

When notorious hitman Darius Kincaid (Samuel L. Jackson) - star witness for the trial of remorseless Belarusian dictator Vladislav Dukhovich (Gary Oldman) - goes missing after an attack en route to The Hague, Interpol brings Bryce in as their last resort. He has a chance to both rebuild his reputation and help convict an international criminal - if he can stand Kincaid's heckling long enough to bring him in.

Put simply, this is no Midnight Run. The tone fluctuates wildly from start to finish, filling gaps between disorientating action sequences with gear-shifting sentimentality and dark political brutality, all while Reynolds and Jackson deliver an endless stream of inane dialogue and sub-par gags.

There are even on-screen clues that the production team know they've got a problem on their hands: Bryce and Kincaid are given lines that blandly explain their contrasting characters and differing approaches - as if the writer feels the audience needs to be told this pairing is likely to create humorous conflict.

Similarly, the dreadfully cheery soundtrack quite literally cues character and comedy moments as if they might be missed otherwise - listen out for repeated uses of the vinyl slow-down effect as the modern equivalent of the slide-whistle.

Despite these major flaws, the film's modest $30m reported budget offers some value for money.

There is a whole lot of fairly well-choreographed action on display - with a surprising amount of bloody violence - and show stopping chases by boat, motorbike, car and foot are all satisfactorily squeezed in. Even Salma Hayek garners a chuckle in a goofy romantic flashback sequence.

But as a whole, The Hitman's Bodyguard is a hot mess.

Screenwriter Tom O'Connor must be terribly disappointed; I doubt we'll be seeing Bryce and Kincaid again any time soon.

Samuel L. Jackson as Darius Kincaid and Ryan Reynolds as Michael Bryce in The Hitman's Bodyguard

Laurie is an Oxford-based film critic, movie podcast host and BBC Radio Oxford film contributor. He lives locally with his wife, daughter and son. See more of his film reviews at lauriebailey.co.uk

Advertorial

Sherlock Holmes and the Crimson Cobbles

I first encountered the Sherlock Holmes stories as a ten year child, and have been gripped by them ever since. The combination of the delight of intellectual puzzle solving, a slightly unsettling vision of Victorian England and the beautifully drawn relationship between Holmes and Watson, is irresistible, and accounts for the numerous adaptations and reimaginings of the stories for stage, screen and TV, and for the millions of Holmes fans across the globe. For those who know and love it, the world of 221B Baker Street is real, and when I began writing I knew that it was inevitable that I would one day want to bring this world to the stage. However I also knew that, for the audience to experience the joy and surprise that the reader gets when Holmes reveals the solution to a problem, any stage version that I did would have to be a brand-new story.

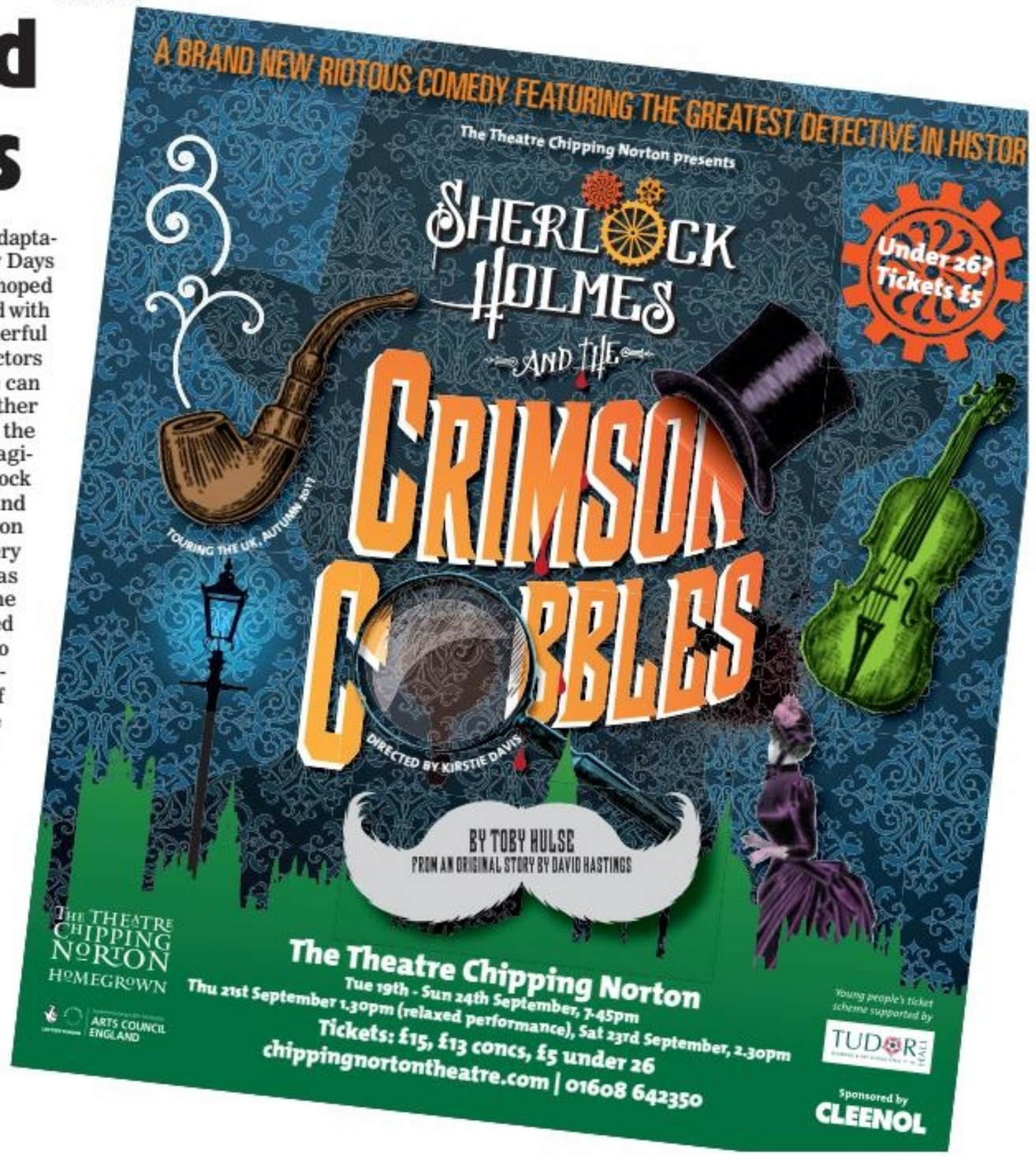
This short story is every bit as extraordinary in its imagination and plotting as those of Conan Doyle, and is the work of a writer who clearly knows and loves the originals as much as I do.

How fortunate I was then to be given Sherlock Holmes and the Crimson Cobbles by David Hastings (former stage door keeper of Oxford Playhouse, no less!). The short story is every bit as extraordinary in its imagination and plotting as those of Conan Doyle, and is the work of a writer who clearly knows and loves the originals as much as I do. Not only that but it is also a wonderful literary joke, dipping in and out of imagined and historical worlds, playing with what is real and what is fictional, blurring the lines in the same way that the letters to Holmes still received at 221B Baker Street do. It is truly the stuff of theatre!

I was delighted to be asked by Chipping Norton to write the play. I couldn't have hoped for a better partner. Their production of my adaptation of Around the World in Eighty Days was everything that I could have hoped for: fast, furious, irreverent, stuffed with gags, and delighting in the wonderful things that actors and audience can create together through the power of imagination. Sherlock Holmes and the Crimson Cobbles is every bit as daft as Around the World in Eighty Days – you only need to see that one actor is required to play the entire population of Victorian London to know what sort of play this is – and yet it also has some very interesting and pertinent questions to ask about our relationship with the press in this era of fake news and sensationalist reporting.

I am also thrilled to hear about the Young Persons' Ticket Scheme, where those under 26 can see the show for just £5. What better way to bring all those currently missing the wonderful Benedict Cumberbatch series on their TVs into the theatre? And what better way to introduce a whole new generation to these amazing stories?

Toby Hulse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Skoda Fabia Monte Carlo 1.0 TSi 95PS

Fabia's a star for its space and fun

By **Tony Yates**

THERE has been a lot of talk about the possibility of someone hacking into our cars' electronic brains the moment we connect to the mobile internet.

To be honest if somebody wants to hack into my car to listen to my Bros MP3 collection, then they are more than welcome – plus, the solution would be simple. Just turn off your mobile phone while driving, which we should all be doing anyway.

Also, a source told me recently that exploiting this flaw in any vehicle 'required unique and extensive technical knowledge, along with prolonged physical access to the vehicle in question and an extended period of time to write the code to make the car do unusual things'. So it seems it's actually pretty hard – so I shall not worry about my Bros music collection.

Power and efficiency

The 1.0-litre 95PS TSi petrol engine is fantastic, and it pulls great – with a good range of torque (160Nm). The 0-62 time is OK at 10.6sec and, although not a racing start, it still feels like it wants to get a move on. You can also expect a top speed of around 115mph. Fuel consumption is also good, giving you a combined figure of 64mpg. Safety also seems paramount for Skoda because the Fabia is fitted with front side airbags, curtain airbags and a driver's and front passenger airbag.

On the road

The Fabia is not bad at all, and there is nothing to complain about because all the Fabia models throughout the years have all had excellent road holding capabilities and the Monte Carlo is no exception. The five speed gearbox is also a peach to use and you get a positive feedback through the steering wheel as to what the road beneath you is doing thanks to the sporty nature of the suspension.

Interior and technology

The new Fabia Monte Carlo has a lot to offer a modern driver like style, comfort and practicality. Skoda says that the Fabia turns heads wherever it goes with its dynamic style and elegant lines. I personally believe this to be a very good description.

Inside, the overall quality and feel is good and exceptionally spacious in the rear for a compact car. There is also plenty of standard kit – like 16inch Italia black alloy wheels, acoustic rear parking sensors, black decorative inserts, black radiator grille, Bluetooth, DAB digital radio, door sill inserts with Monte Carlo logo (front only), front fog lights, front sports seats, LED daytime running lights, manual air conditioning, Monte Carlo badge on the B pillar, Monte Carlo pedals, panoramic glass sunroof, sports leather multi-function steering wheel and a tyre pressure monitoring system.

Space inside any compact car is important for many reasons, and the Fabia does not disappoint by managing to fit in a large family with relative ease. Boot space is also good at 330 litres – extending to 1,150 with all the rear seats down. Rear passengers won't feel squashed or cramped either thanks to Skoda allowing a good amount of rear leg room at the back.

The Skoda Fabia Monte Carlo is a good car with a good price tag

To sum up

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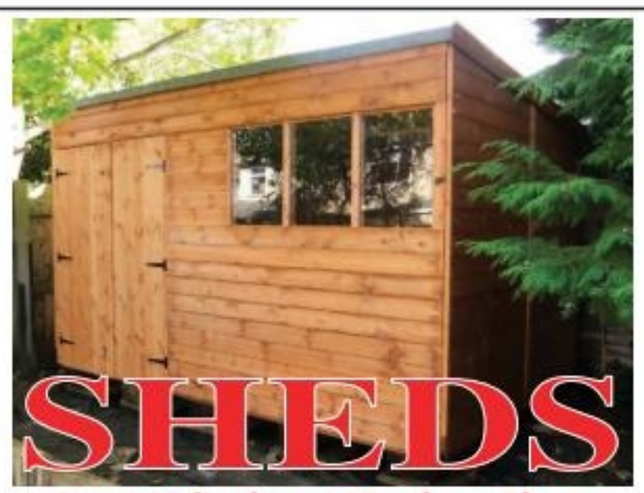

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By George Welch

MotoGP

THERE were mixed emotions for Bradley Smith after finishing 18th in the Austrian MotoGP on Sunday.

The Oxford rider was unable to score but a KTM team-mate followed up the Austrian outfit's first ever top-10 finish the previous week with another at Spielberg, the home track of the Red Bull KTM team.

Smith, from Forest Hill, ran off the track late in the race but his setup was never expected to thrive in the heat.

One of the 26-year-old's team-mates, Mika Kallio, crossed the line in 10th place to pick up six points for the Austrian team.

Smith, who finished third-last and 36.423 seconds behind winner Andrea Dovizioso, said: "This has certainly been a busy race and one that I won't forget in terms of the huge support from the orange family. It was very cool to see the KTM Grandstand packed full of 8,200 people on the warm up lap.

"The race didn't quite turn out how I thought it would as I made a good start and was hanging in there but the warmer weather took its toll and I couldn't quite hold onto that pace.

"I was pleased as I was holding off some good guys but I had a big moment at turn nine and ran off the track and then I had to get it home. To see KTM get another top-10 was great."

Smith's other team-mate Pol Espargaro was forced to retire following a brake sensor failure on the first lap.

Team manager Mike Leitner believes another positive result proves the KTM project is moving in the right direction after just over half of their debut season raced so far.

He said: "Everybody is so happy we've had another top-10 position, this time at our first home Grand Prix.

"Bradley is still struggling on the bike so he could not achieve what he wanted and we wanted but in general we have had two races with a top-10 result so that shows the project is going in the right direction."

More than 200,000 people turned out in force for KTM's home Grand Prix, the second highest number of fans attending a race so far in 2017.

Smith is now looking forward to his home Grand Prix at Silverstone on August 27.

New signing fights back to full fitness

Kamil Kinkor is raring to go

Ice hockey

OXFORD City Star's new signing Kamil Kinkor is raring to go after overcoming a career threatening broken leg to sign for the Oxpens Road side.

The forward has made a full recovery after breaking his leg in November last year while playing for Bracknell – and the 26-year-old is desperate to get back on the ice.

He said: "After my injury last year I never thought I'd play hockey again.

"Then Kenny [Redmond, head coach] called me up, asked how I was doing, and whether I was ready to play. I told him I came to the UK to play hockey so I'm always ready.

"Playing for Oxford with the fans behind the team will be special, I'm really looking forward for this season and can't wait to start putting some pucks in the net."

Kinkor is no stranger to British hockey having iced for Streatham, London and Bracknell in recent seasons. His hottest streak on the ice was in the 2015-16 season for Streatham Redskins, where he notched 28 goals and 31 assists in 34 matches.

Stars head coach Kenny Redmond was excited to unveil his latest import. He said: "It's great to see Kamil bounce back from last year's injury. He's worked so hard over the summer and even returned to the Czech Republic for some intense training.

"He will be a top player in our league and is determined to prove he's back to his best."

Stars fans will get their first chance to see their new forward at the club's season launch event on August 27.

McComb blasts amazing 40 runs from last over

Cricket

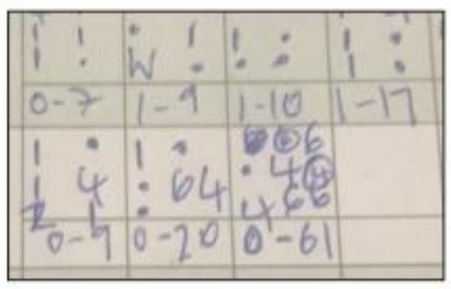
VILLAGE cricket side Dorchester-on-Thames scored an implausible 40 runs off the final over to earn an improbable win against Swinbrook on Saturday.

The south Oxfordshire side's hero Steve McComb notched all 40 runs as his side chased 35 from the final over to win their Oxfordshire Cricket Association Division 4 clash.

Hosts Swinbrook had posted 240 from their 45 overs and, with just six deliveries left in Dorchester's reply, the visitors were on 206-7 when McComb stepped up to the crease.

The 54-year-old began the over against the unfortunate bowler Mihai Cucos with a no-ball six. Ball two was also despatched for a six, giving Dorchester 13 runs from one legitimate delivery.

Cucos calmed himself with a yorker, from which McComb was unable to



score, as the scorecard above shows.

But the fourth delivery (the third legitimate ball) went for four and was then followed by another Cucos no-ball, which flew to the boundary for four.

McComb turned up the temperature by flogging the next two balls for six, leaving the scores tied with one delivery to come.

Undeterred by Swinford bringing in the field, McComb then lashed his fifth six of the eight-ball over to secure the win and bring up his own century.

He finished on 104 as he secured the unlikeliest of three-wicket victories.

Student Bridge takes heart

Race walking

THE summer heat and a tactical error cost Gemma Bridge a shot at her personal best as she finished 40th in the 20km race walk at the IAAF World Championships in London.

The 24-year-old Oxford City athlete clocked 1:36:04, three-and-a-half minutes outside her personal best mark of 1:32:33, for the race which consisted of 10 laps up and down London's iconic Mall.

A student at Leeds Beckett University, Bridge hopes to make next year's Commonwealth Games, on Australia's Gold Coast, but knows she has work to do.

She said: "I just didn't feel very good at the start. But from where I am now, with this performance, I take a lot of confidence and I think a lot of the issue was my tactics. I didn't get into the right pack and ended up on my own, which is never the right place to be. It was frustrating because it wasn't like I was out of breath, I just couldn't move faster.

"Getting to the Commonwealth Games would be my next goal for 2018."

Despite Bridge mistakes in her tactics, she left the World Championships knowing she can hold her own on the global stage. She added: "The atmosphere was great and it was lovely to have all my friends and family here, they didn't care about the time."

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Plato back on form with Knockhill win

Touring cars

JASON Plato's season seems to have turned a corner after the Oxford racer picked up his first win of the season at Knockhill on Sunday.

The British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) veteran qualified on pole and led his team-mate Ash Sutton for almost the entirety of the race.

The two did swap positions approaching the end of the race to try and give Sutton an extra point for leading a lap but mistimed their switch, with Sutton returning the place to Plato at the final corner.

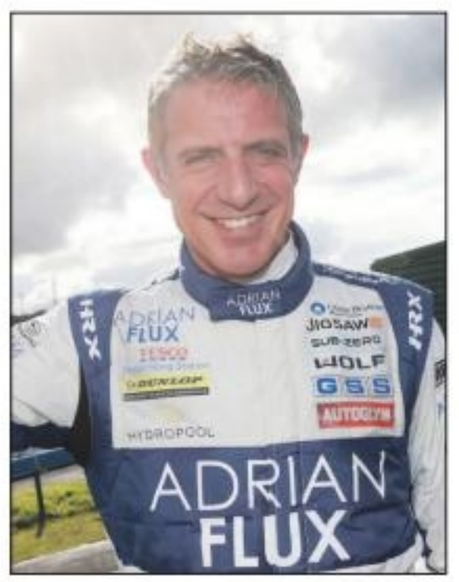
Race two saw Plato lead again from the front of the grid, but this time Sutton was able to get past so the 49-year-old had to settle for second.

And starting ninth in race three, Plato made up a few places to round off the day with a sixth place.

After suffering a torrid season up until Knockhill with his Subaru Levorg, Plato is now optimistic for better results over the last three rounds.

He said: "I feel a weight has been lifted from my shoulders with finding another gremlin in my car. In short, pole, a double one-two in races one and two and solid points in the third race, so bravo to everyone on the team.

"Roll on Rockingham, there is a championship up for grabs and if I can't win it, and I can't, then it's over to Ash."



Jason Plato celebrates. Picture: btcc.net

Hoops shoot their way up the league with back-to-back wins

By George Welch

Oxford City

IT was third time lucky for Oxford City who picked up their first points and win of the season away at Whitehawk on Saturday.

The Hoops were pointless after losing at home to St Albans and at Hampton & Richmond the previous week – but they got their season up and running with a comprehensive 3-0 away win on the south coast.

They carried forward the momentum to Tuesday to pick up back-to-back wins and clean sheets with a 2-0 home win against Hungerford Town.

City ran riot against Whitehawk with three goals in a devastating opening half hour.

Matt Paterson bagged a second goal for his new club from the spot on six minutes before Horatio Hirst (20 minutes) and Reece Fleet (28) opened their accounts for the new season.

The home side were reduced to 10 men on 79 minutes when Dan Harding received his second yellow of the afternoon for a foul on the touchline.

But the Hawks were up against it from the off when one of their defenders tripped Joe Oastler in the box after just a few minutes. Paterson converted the ensuing penalty.

Zac McEachran opens the scoring for Oxford City on Tuesday night
Picture: Michael Allen

The Hoops dealt with a few threats from their hosts and doubled their advantage on 20 minutes through a fine Hirst goal.

And City were out of sight long before the break when Zac McEachran found Fleet in space to break into the box and arrow the ball into the Hawks goal.

Mark Jones' side almost made it four on the stroke of half time. Chances were few and far between in the second period but any hopes of Whitehawk clawing their way back into the contest were dashed nearly 11 minutes before time when Harding received his marching orders.

And on Tuesday, resolute defending and a brace of clinical second half finishes helped City overcome a strong Hungerford Town at Court Place Farm.

After a slow start from both sides, the visitors peppered the Oxford box in a spell of sustained pressure.

Having survived the onslaught, the Hoops developed a threat of their own as Eddie Jones and Godfrey Poku both fired narrowly over from promising breaks.

Oxford were much faster out of the blocks in the second half and took a 48th minute lead through McEachran.

The goal prompted a bold triple sub from the away side as they looked for a way back into the game.

It was, however, the introduction of City's Ezra Forde that proved decisive.

The young forward danced his way to the byline and, although his initial effort was saved, the loose ball fell for Paterson to calmly round the stricken keeper for his third goal in four games.

The win marked City's second win and clean sheet in four days to send them into the top half of the table.

Thame mark return with a good victory

Thame United

THAME United made the perfect start on their return to the Southern League with a hard-fought 2-1 away win at Chalfont St Peter on Saturday.

They made the worst possible start though, going behind inside two minutes when Chalfont's Gary Burrell opened the scoring from a corner.

Only an offside flag shortly after prevented Thame going further behind.

This let off ignited United and they grew into the game, netting the equaliser on 29 minutes.

Good inter-play down the Thame right saw Tom Ashworth hold up the ball for Lynton Goss who powerfully converted from an acute angle.

Goss almost grabbed a second a few minutes later when his cross was pushed onto the post by a defender.

In the second half United were immediately on the front foot and Goss again had a chance saved – but it wasn't long before the decisive second goal came.

It arrived on the hour when Adam Morris flicked the ball to Ashworth who made no mistake from outside the area. There were further opportunities for more United goals but they held out for the win.

However, Thame were brought back down to earth with a bump after their dream start with 3-0 home loss to the much-fancied AFC Rushden & Diamonds on Tuesday.

Pure genius from Puritans with two wins

Banbury United

BANBURY United made a blitzing start to their league campaign with back-to-back wins.

The Puritans opened the season with a crushing 5-1 win at home to Dorchester Town on Saturday before leaving Chasham United as 3-1 victors on Tuesday.

United meant business and scored two goals in the opening 10 minutes at the weekend to overwhelm Dorchester, who were clearly still in pre-season mode.

Tom Winters (eight minutes), Conor McDonagh (10) and George Nash (22) all found the back of the net in the first half as United brushed aside a tame Dorchester side at the Banbury Plant Hire Community Stadium.

A Luke Carnell header (53) and a debut strike from Jefferson Louis (62) put Mike Ford's side well in front before a David Jerrard penalty 15 minutes from time grabbed a consolation goal for Town.

Impressed by his side's five star showing, a delighted Ford said: "It's nice to get off the mark so early and to get five goals as well. The score line shows just how much control we had of the game.

"I've been a bit apprehensive about this season so it's pleasing to get off to a good start.

"We dominated the first half and we could have been six or seven up at half time."

And Ford could barely have asked for a better start to the Southern Premier League campaign following a 3-1 win at Chesham three days later.

The Puritans propelled themselves to the top of the division with another convincing win.

A first half Winters goal and second half strikes from McDonagh and Louis earned a well deserved three points for United.

The visitors were dominant from the off and took the lead in the 34th minute when Winters fired the ball into the bottom corner from the far post.

Chesham improved in the last 10 minutes of the half but the score remained 1-0 at the interval.

A second Banbury goal looked likely in the early stages of the second half and it duly came on the hour when McDonagh pounced on a poor defensive clearance to strike the ball low into the net.

But Chesham were right back in it two minutes later when a low corner from the left led to a scramble in the six yard box and Shane Bush poked the ball over the line.

For the first time in the match Banbury were under real pressure but they managed to land a suckerpunch with a minute remaining.

Veteran Louis, like Winters, made it two from two when he collected a Matt Peake-Pijnen pass to stroke the ball home and secure the points.

Railwaymen back on track after Devon defeat

Didcot Town

GETTING stuck on the M5 on their longest away trip of the season was not the ideal preparation for Didcot Town as they began their Evo Stick South West campaign with a 1-0 loss to Bideford.

Diddy's 362-mile round trip to north Devon lasted four and a half hours and saw kickoff delayed by 15 minutes but that didn't derail the Railwaymen as they made a bright start to the game.

It was total Didcot domination as Sam Elkins and Seth Humphries pulled the strings in midfield with wing-backs George Jeacock and Matty Woodley finding ample space to deliver balls that were just evading the strikers.

The hosts began to grow into the game and finished the first half strongly with Leigh Bedwell in the Diddy goal pulling off a stunning point blank range save to deny Bideford's giant striker Kevin Squire.

The Railwaymen made the worst possible start to the second period when they conceded what turned out to be the winning goal from the penalty spot in the 48th minute.

A Bideford counter attack down the Didcot left was abruptly ended by Cam McNeil as he brought down the winger for a clear penalty. Billy Tucker tucked the penalty away.

Bedwell pulled off some more great saves but Diddy were denied a stonewall penalty when George Reid was brought down inside the box.

It was not to be however and they were left ruing missed chances and the long journey back to Oxfordshire.

Diddy atoned for the defeat with an entertaining 4-2 home victory over Wimborne Town on Tuesday night.

A Reid brace, an own goal and a superb late free kick from Woodley made sure the Railwaymen got their home campaign off to a positive start.

George Reid scores for Didcot Town last season
Picture: Roger Neil

Oxfordshire results

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Whitehawk 0-3 **Oxford City**
Tuesday 15 August
Oxford City 2-0 Hungerford Town

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Saturday 12 August
Banbury United 5-1 Dorchester
Tuesday 15 August
Chesham United 1-3 **Banbury United**

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Saturday 12 August
Bideford AFC 1-0 **Didcot Town**
Bristol Manor Farm 5-2 **North Leigh**
Kidlington 2-2 Yate Town
Tuesday 15 August
Didcot Town 4-2 Wimborne Town
Swindon Supermarine 1-1 **North Leigh**
Winchester City 0-1 **Kidlington**

Southern League Division One Central

Saturday 12 August
Chalfont St Peter 1-2 **Thame United**
Tuesday 15 August
Thame United 0-3 AFC Rushden & Diamonds

Promising early start for United after two wins in two games

Is Marvin on the move as U's get off to a flying start

By George Welch

QUESTION marks over the future of Oxford United winger Marvin Johnson have arisen after unconfirmed reports surfaced that he has told boss Pep Clotet he wants to leave.

The U's last week rejected a £1m bid from Championship side Hull City and warned new Tigers boss Leonid Slutsky the winger is 'not for sale'.

United are yet to comment but Clotet underlined his desire to keep one of his prize assets.

He said after the Portsmouth game on Saturday: "The same situation applies to what the chairman said [at a fans' forum] on Wednesday [August 9] – Marvin is not for sale.

"Apart from that I'm very happy with his performance, his attitude and his commitment.

"He worked hard for his teammates and it was a tough game for him in the first half.

"When the game opened up in the second half he gave a glimpse of what he can do and he was fantastic going forward as well."

Chairman Darryl Eales said at the fans' forum last week that it would take an "unbelievable offer" for the club to sell, but Hull are likely to improve their bid after being alerted to Johnson's desire to leave.

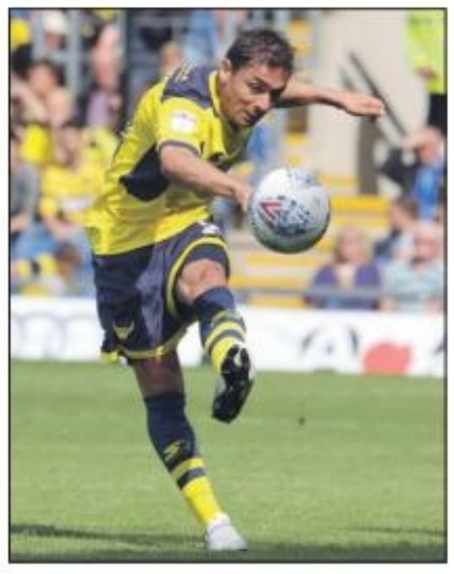
Johnson joined Oxford from Motherwell a year ago for around £650,000 and will see this as his opportunity for a big move.

The 26-year-old scored Oxford's opener in last Tuesday's 4-3 defeat to Cheltenham in the EFL Cup.

He impressed at the weekend in a more advanced and his more natural left wing position after Ricardinho was drafted in to make his U's debut.

The well-travelled Brazilian admitted the quality of League One trumps that of the Swedish and Azerbaijani top flights, where he has plied his trade for the last seven years.

Marvin Johnson runs at Portsmouth's Brandon Haunstrup during Saturday's 3-0 win and right, Ricardhinho on the ball



He said: "It's tough – we press all the time and we've got to be really smart with the ball and play quickly. I think good things are on the way.

"We have to work hard. It's only the second game, we have many games left and we know we have to be focused to do our best each game.

"The [first] goal opened the game up because they then tried to attack more and opened a big gap and we used the space [well]."

Josh Ruffels leaps high to start an attack; above, Wes Thomas turns the ball in to open the scoring and top, Gino van Kessel wrong foots Christian Burgess
Pictures: Steve Daniels

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1	Oxford United	2	5	6
2	Peterborough United	2	4	6
3	Wigan Athletic	2	4	6
4	Fleetwood Town	2	3	6
5	Bradford City	2	2	6
6	Shrewsbury Town	2	3	6
7	Doncaster Rovers	2	2	4
8	Rotherham United	2	3	3
9	Plymouth Argyle	2	1	3
10	Blackpool	2	0	3
11	Walsall	2	0	3
12	Portsmouth	2	-1	3
13	Charlton Athletic	2	-1	3
14	Bury	2	-2	3
15	Southend United	2	-4	3
16	Scunthorpe United	2	0	2
17	AFC Wimbledon	2	-1	1
18	Gillingham	2	-1	1
19	Rochdale	2	-2	1
20	MK Dons	2	-2	0
21	Northampton Town	2	-2	0
22	Blackburn Rovers	2	-3	0
23	Oldham Athletic	2	-3	0
24	Bristol Rovers	2	-4	0

Delayed start for Ivo's career at United

NEW Oxford United recruit Ivo Pekalski endured a horror start to his United career after being ruled out until the new year.

The 26-year-old midfielder joined last week from Swedish side Halmstad for an undisclosed fee but he now faces a lengthy spell on the sidelines before pulling on an Oxford shirt for the first time.

Pekalski will see a specialist this week to assess the knee injury he suffered after landing awkwardly in training last week.

The club fear medial ligament damage, meaning he is set for a lonely spell in the treatment room.

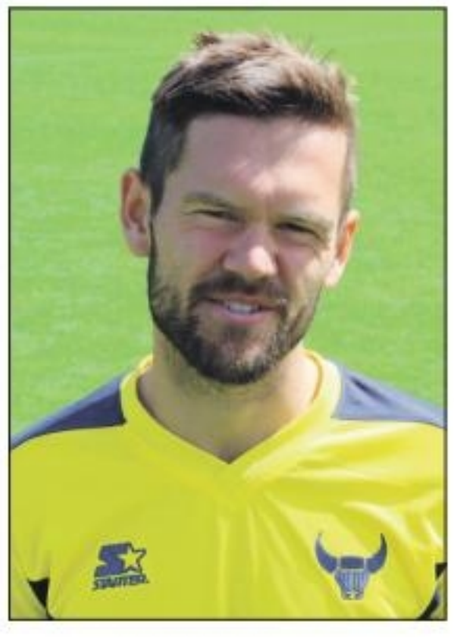
United boss Pep Clotet cursed his new recruit's bad fortune.

He said: "It is terrible luck for him and also for us because he is a good player, but now we will have to wait a little longer to see him in action.

"It was just one of those things – no other player was near him; he just twisted and landed badly.

"It has settled down a little but we will have a further scan done and our excellent medical team can then work to get him back on the pitch and hopefully playing a part major role for us later in the season.

"He is part of the Oxford United family and we will look after him the right way."



Ivo Pekalski has to wait several months until he can make his Oxford United debut
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Better value than Lukaku?

Just two days after signing, loanee van Kessel helps United to victory

Manchester United's £75m Romelu Lukaku

Chelsea's £70m Alvaro Morata

Arsenal's £52m Alexandre Lacazette
Picture: Jejecam

Gino van Kessel celebrates putting the ball past Portsmouth keeper Luke McGee
Picture: Steve Daniels

By George Welch

THE return of the Premier League spoilt football fans with debut goals from expensive and high profile forwards – but none of them left their mark as quickly or as spectacularly as new Oxford United man Gino van Kessel.

Romelu Lukaku, Alexandre Lacazette and Alvaro Morata, who together commanded three of England's most glamorous club's a combined fee of nearly £200m, all had their new supporters purring with goals on their debuts.

But the multi-million pound superstars weren't the only ones to live up to their striking promise last week.

As van Kessel wheeled away eight minutes from time after scoring the all-important second in Saturday's 3-0 win at home to Portsmouth, the Curacao international emphatically announced there's a new man on the block around Oxford.

The forward, who signed last week on a year-long loan deal with a view to a permanent move from Czech Republic side Slavia Prague, burst onto the scene with a fine goal just three minutes after joining the action on 79 minutes.

The 24-year-old's threat appeared nullified when he picked up a pass from Jon Obika out left but, within a flash, he darted past two Pompey defenders and slotted stylishly into the bottom right corner.

The goal all-but secured Oxford's second three-point haul from two League One games following a tightly contested first half.

The U's took the lead straight after the restart when Wes Thomas pounced on a howler from Portsmouth keeper Luke McGee, who fumbled a Christian Ribeiro cross-cum-shot at the near post.

Josh Ruffels, like Thomas, netted for the second league game running with a sidefooted finish after strolling forward from midfield deep into stoppage time.

But, like Wayne Rooney at Everton, Mohamed Salah at Liverpool and Neymar at PSG, it was a new signing who grabbed the headlines.

Van Kessel capped a very encouraging team performance with a wonderful debut goal to leave Oxford sitting at the top of the pile, albeit it after just two games.

Pep Clotet, the United boss, praised his new recruit's prompt impact.

He said: "It was a good goal. The team moved to the right and created a lot of space for Gino on the left.

"He is good one v one and he showed that in an area he likes to be.

"I thought all the goals were good goals but for that one the team worked hard to create that space for him, which was pleasing to see."

The U's head for Scunthorpe on Saturday and the new boss believes there is still more to come from his side.

He said: "We are in a process and this is not yet the end result. We brought a couple of new players in and we are focussed on improving.

"Portsmouth caused us a lot of problems in the first half and we will look at that so we can play our own football and do a little more at home.

"But I think it's one of those situations where you are never satisfied, you always try to take something away from the game that you can learn from and move forward – that's the same for the victories as for the losses."

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